Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 1ˢᵗ March

Welcome back to all of our families for the second half of a busy spring term! The weather can't seem to make up its mind at the moment, so please make sure your child has a coat every day for school even if it seems very warm!

This Week:

- Thank you to everyone who attended the maths information meetings this week. We hope you found the meeting useful and informative. You can find the resources shared at the meetings on our website under 'Parents' and then 'Information Meetings'.
- Thank you to everyone who sent photographs for our reading competition! The display is just next to the school office if you would like to pop in to have a look at the entries. The winners will be announced early next week.
- Mrs Jeffery is our Designated Mental Health Lead at Ridgeway. This week she attended some training about how we can further support children with emerging needs in school. This is part of a city wide initiative to raise awareness and improve the provision for children and young people's mental health across all services in Derby. We are looking forward to implementing this over the coming months.
- Hopefully everyone has received information regarding a worrying internet hoax this week. I urge you to be vigilant when your child is accessing the internet, and please do talk to them about making sure they let you know if they see anything on the internet that upsets or frightens them. Thank you for your cooperation.
- We have noticed an increasing number of children coming to school with very large bags and backpacks. Unfortunately, our fire officer has stated that we are not able to store bags in cloakrooms as this presents an increased fire risk and trip hazard because bags won't fit on coat pegs and so children are putting them on the floor beneath the coats. School bags have to be stored in classrooms in the children's trays – which are quite flat. The vast majority of children do not require oversized backpacks as they only have their reading books inside. A school bookbag is the perfect size to fit in trays and ensure we can keep our cloakrooms and corridors safe and tidy. Can I please ask you to make sure your child has an appropriately sized bag in school? Thank you.

Coming Up Next Week:

- Parents and Carer consultation evenings are on Tue 5ᵗʰ and Thu 7ᵗʰ March. Appointments have been sent out today.
- Y2 Faith Trail on 7ᵗʰ March (not 5ᵗʰ as in the previous letter – apologies!) Please return your consent forms as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Thank you!
- It is our Bedtime Story Day on Wednesday 6ᵗʰ March – everyone is invited to have a cosy day at school and wear PJs/dressing gowns etc. and bring their favourite book to share with their friends. Please make sure your child has suitable shoes and coat as we will still be playing outside!

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Wed 13ᵗʰ & Thu 14ᵗʰ Mar	Science theme days in all year groups! We will be having lots of investigative fun and carrying out lots of experiments.
Thu 14ᵗʰ & Fri 15ᵗʰ Mar	My Child Can Read… Now What? Reading Information workshops for parents/carers of children who are reading Oxford Reading Tree on Stage 6 or above.
W/C 18ᵗʰ Mar	Maths Open Lessons – please return slips as soon as possible as placed get booked up fast!
Fri 22ⁿᵈ Mar	School Closed - INSET

Writing Showcase

This week's brilliant writing has been done by children in Class 1. The children took selfies of themselves and then wrote a mini-biography!

This writing has been chosen because Cory has been practising really hard with forming letters correctly. He has written all about himself using the letters than he knows how to write demonstrating his understanding this text contains meaning. Well done Cory!

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a g t v y w c o m h m t
m h m h w e m e t m

This writing has been chosen because Ishaaq has tried really hard with his Fred Fingers to spell words using the sounds he could hear. He remembered to use finger spaces too. Well done Ishaaq!

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