

# Ridgeway Primary School



## Newsletter 21: 15th March 2019 Edition

### Super Science!

This week has been science week, and what a week it has been!

The children have been exploring lots of different aspects of science, from the solar system to solutions (creating a Mother's day surprise), absorption (making an astronaut's nappy!) to ball experiments. It has been brilliant to see and hear all of the science happening across the classes. To top it off, Friday saw our Scientist Day for Comic Relief. Well we had crazy scientists, NASA engineers, and people dressed as famous scientists such as Professor Brian Cox, Mary Seacole and so many more. We will be adding pictures to our gallery next week! We also raised over £130 for charity, so thank you all for supporting.



### Traffic & Parking

I am sure many of you witnessed the incident last Friday morning in which a driver (not connected to school!) overtook cars waiting to let children cross the road at the zebra crossing. I am sure you were as dumbfounded as I was at the stupidity and recklessness of the driver concerned. I would like to express my thanks to the children and parents who made sure I was aware of the incident. I would also like to thank and commend two of our parent Governors, Mr Moffatt and Mrs Mason, who went over to challenge the driver's behaviour and then formally report the incident to the local Police. Their actions show the support we receive from our Governors and the importance the wellbeing of our children has in our school. This also meant that when I reported the incident to the Police it was given additional merit.

This week I have been in communication with the local Police and they are going to be carrying out patrols around the area during the start and end of the school day to monitor driving and parking such as: u-turns in the main road, unsafe reversing onto the main road, abuse of the one-way system around Memorial Drive and inappropriate parking. Further to this they will be sending the mobile speed van to monitor the speed of traffic through the village and issue fines for offending vehicles.

I know that these actions are carried out by only a few people, not all connected with the school, but I have received several complaints from local residents about these matter too.

### Reminders

#### Sheffield Steelers

As you will remember before half-term we had a visit from the Sheffield Steelers. They were so impressed with the children that they have offered free children's tickets to their upcoming matches and accompanying adult ticket at only £10. The last chance to take up this offer is for 23rd March match. If you are interested please contact Mr Evans in the school office by Wednesday 20th March.

#### Batteries

You will also have had a battery collection box and letter come home this week. Hopefully, everyone will be able to support us by collecting batteries for recycling not only to help us enter the competition but also to support the environment.



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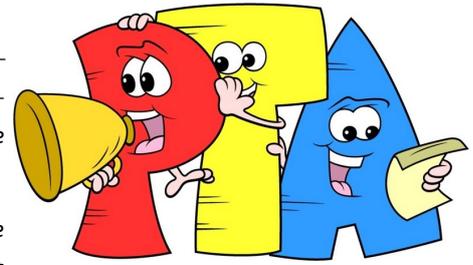
## PTA Corner—From Mrs Jenkinson

### Race Night

Last Friday saw the return of a much loved favourite, Ridgeway Race Night - and what a success it was! There was fun, food and (lots of) drinks for everybody. Our PTA have been given some fabulous feedback, therefore we can be sure that this one will not be the last.

Over the course of the evening we raised a huge £765 for the PTA pot, we would like to thank all of the parents, carers and friends of Ridgeway that came along to support this brilliant event, without you it wouldn't be possible – this amount of money is enough to really make a difference to your children's school experience and we are, as always, overwhelmed by your commitment and support.

A huge Thank You also to be given to Steven Dudley, who played 'bookie' for the evening and kindly let us use his equipment, and Mrs Dudley and Miss Riley who oversaw the whole event – Thank you, you did a superb job... Now when is the next one?



### Coming Soon!

Easter is fast approaching, a new season and hopefully some better weather so we can get take our learning outside and enjoy our beautiful surroundings. As such, it is a good time to let you know about our plans for the Easter period in school.

We are so pleased to tell you that we are planning on doing the much loved decorate an egg competition – with a few changes. This year it is for everybody to enjoy, reception straight through to Year 6 and we are asking for each egg to be decorated according to your class Topic. It will be £1 to enter (Our PTA Box will be on the wall for drop off that morning for your kind donations). All entries are to be bought in NO EARLIER than 11th April, as you can appreciate there is nowhere in school we can keep them and stop them getting ruined, if they are bought in before I am sorry to say they will be sent home until 11th. The competition will be judged on the day and there will be a delicious prize for the winner in each class. Good Luck!

We have also got an Easter themed surprise for the children that will happen on the last afternoon of term – this too is school wide and is free of charge courtesy of our PTA. We are sure that the children will really enjoy this new addition, we thought parents might appreciate an activity that requires no preparation or expense too.

Don't fear those of you that will miss our annual Easter hunt, we have great plans for a brand new event in May, when hopefully we can rely a little bit more on the weather, that will feature a treasure hunt and other fun activities. Please pencil in May 17th – a letter from the PTA will follow very shortly with all of the exciting details.

### Attendance

This week's top attendance...

1st	The Dolphins	99.66%	
2nd	The Jellyfish	99.65%	
3rd	The Sea Dragons	99.4%	

Whole school 97.6%  
1.5% **above** our target (96.1%)

### Diary Dates

Mon. 18th Mar.	Doodle Bug workshops day 1
Tues. 19th Mar.	Doodle Bug workshops day 2
Tues. 26th Mar.	Qualitas Dance Event (information TBC)
Wed. 27th Mar	Last Swimming Session of the Term for Y4
Mon. 1st Apr.	Year 5 drumming for parents 9.05am
Mon. 1st Apr.	Year 5 Mexican Fiesta Day
Fri. 5th Apr.	Qualitas Tag Rugby Event—TBC
Mon 8th Apr.	Year 5 & 6 trip to Cadbury's World
Thurs. 11th Apr.	End of Term 4
Fri. 12th Apr.	INSET Day 4—School closed to pupils