

# Ridgeway Primary School

Newsletter 3: 22nd September 2017 Edition



## End of the Day

As a school we have a responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of all of our children, something we take extremely seriously. I would like to make clear our expectations to ensure children leave school safely at the end of the school day. We feel that for safeguarding reasons children younger than Year 5 & 6 need to be collected from school. The vast majority of schools will only release children of this age to adults or siblings **over the age of 16**. This is done to safeguard the younger child but also the older child as it is a large responsibility to look after your younger sibling. Given that the school is on a very busy road, on which speed limits are regularly broken, and with no crossing patrol this has been the stance of the school for many years, and is one I personally agree with.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2—will continue to be collected from the class teacher, as usual.

Year 3 & 4—will also be brought out to the yard by the teacher to be dismissed to parents / carers within the school yard.

Year 5 & Year 6—if you would like your child to leave the school grounds at the end of the school day we need your written consent, explaining where they will go and who will receive them.

However, as the parent you are within your rights to formally inform school of an alternative arrangement that you would like and we will discuss this if that is something that we can support. Any request would need to be in the form of a letter that states the parent is taking responsibility for the child at the end of the school day and the school is not liable for any incidents after the close of the school day.

As it is out-of-hours, all children must be collected from the adult responsible at the end of an after-school club by an adult. Thank you for your support with this matter, I know we all want our children to be safe at all times.

## Request

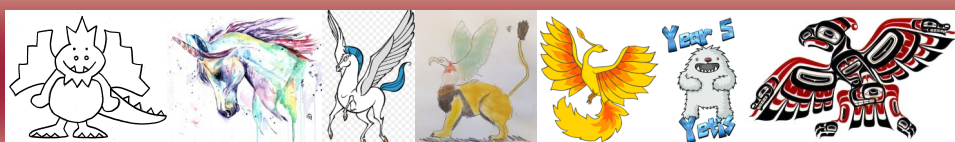
I am pleased that so many parents use the school drop off to socialise and to become part of the wider school community. Please can you make sure that the last person leaving the yard, after the bell, closes the gate. Again this is for the safety of all children in school. Thank you.

## PTA Cheques

Due to problems with the bank used by the PTA they were unable to cash cheques from last year's Christmas fundraisers. Mrs. Wilkinson has contacted those affected, if possible, could you please send in the re-issued cheque to Mrs. Wilkinson as soon as possible.

## Reminder—£1 Coins

We will no longer be accepting the old coins from next Friday, 29th September. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



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### Save the Date

The PTA are hoping to hold an exciting event on the evening of 3rd November so save the date and watch this space.



### Phonics Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our annual phonics evening. I hope you found it useful and that it gave you an insight into how we teach phonics and gives you the confidence to support your child at home. Thank you to Mrs Naylor for running the session



### Can you help?

The School Allotment: On Saturday 30th September a small team of parents will be installing some artificial grass around the planters in the allotment. If anyone can lend a hand please let me know.

Testimonial: I am currently writing information for the new school website but I need your help! I think it is important that parents share their opinions about our school. With that in mind could you send me your comments about the school for the website, indicating which year groups your children are in. To do this you can; write it down and send it into the class with your child, email it to: [headteacher@ridgeway.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@ridgeway.derbyshire.sch.uk) or [click here to submit it using an online form](#).

Disco: The PTA are planning another Disco this year so if anyone has a contact who could donate an evenings use of disco lights / mobile disco please let me know.


Future Idea: If anyone could donate a large marquee for an event later in the year or knows a Cèilidh band who would help school with an event, please let me know.



Thank you in advance.

### Attendance

This week's top attendance...

1st	The Dragons (Rec)	100%	
2nd	The Thunderbirds (Y6)	98.9%	
3rd	Team Pegasus (Y2)	98.2%	

Whole school 96.1%  
At our target (96.1%)

### Diary Dates

Wed 27th Sept	Year1 & 2 Castle Trip
Thurs 28th Sept	Brownlee Triathlon event
Fri 29th Sept	Key Stage 2 Star of the Week
Tues 3rd Oct	Harvest Festival
Wed 18th Oct	Parent Consultations 1 (Parents Evening)
Thurs 19th Oct	Parent Consultations 2 (Parents Evening)
Fri 20th Oct	End of Term 1
Mon 30th Oct	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tues 31st Oct	Term 2 starts—children back to school