

# September Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a good summer.

## Secretary of State for Education visit

As you will have seen on the News we were delighted to welcome Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education to Ridgeway last Friday where he announced his increase in funding for schools. The children enjoyed meeting him and asked him many questions including 'Will Brexit affect education?'



## Results 2018/2019

We are delighted to share with you our results from last year which are a testament to the hard work of our pupils and staff.

### Key Stage 2

Percentage of pupils achieving the national expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths		
	Ridgeway	National
National expected standard	81%	65%
Higher standard	17%	11%
Percentage of pupils achieving the national expected standard or above in individual subjects		
	Ridgeway	National
Expected standard in reading	88%	73%
Higher standard in reading	33%	27%
Expected standard in writing	88%	78%
Higher standard in writing	17%	20%
Expected standard in maths	90%	79%
Higher standard in maths	33%	27%

KS2 Progress		
(Expected progress=0.0)	Ridgeway	National
Reading	1.3	-
Writing	1.6	-
Maths	1.0	-
KS2 Average Scaled Scores		
(Expected standard=100)	Ridgeway	National
Reading	106	104
Maths	106	105

### Key Stage 1

Y1 Phonics		
Percentage of pupils achieving the national expected standard or above in Phonics	Ridgeway	National
	83%	83%
KS1 Teacher Assessment		
	Ridgeway	National
Expected standard in reading	83%	75%
Higher standard in reading	31%	25%
Expected standard in writing	75%	69%
Higher standard in writing	14%	15%
Expected standard in maths	78%	76%
Higher standard in maths	31%	22%

### Early Years Foundation Stage

Children reaching a good level of development by the end of EYFS	
Ridgeway	National
72%	72%

### Phase Meetings

We have three meetings planned over the next couple of weeks where parents/carers can hear about expectations in their child's phase of education and how things work in that phase. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

UKS2 (Y5/6) - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

LKS2 (Y3/4) - 3.30pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

KS1 (Y1/2) - 2.30pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

### Parents' settling in meeting

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September there is a drop in parents' evening after school where you can visit your child's class and have a chat with their teacher as to how they have settled into school.

## **School uniform**

The children are looking very smart. Thank You for your support in this. Please find below our uniform requirements as we have had some recent questions about what is and isn't considered uniform.

All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

School uniform must be worn at all times by all children in the school. Uniforms with the school logo, i.e. sweatshirt, cardigan, book bag, can be purchased via the school website. All other items of uniform can be purchased from a supermarket.

**Trousers** grey or navy

**Skirt/pinafore** grey or navy

**Polo shirt** gold, or white shirts/blouses

**Cardigan/V-neck sweater** navy

**Sweatshirt** navy

**Summer dress** (optional summer term only) light blue/yellow checked

**PE kit** white t-shirt, blue shorts/tracksuit trousers, trainers/plimsolls

**Shoes not trainers.**

## **Parking**

Over the holidays the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school were made mandatory as you will see from the new signs. The Leicestershire police website states:

"As per the Highway Code, it is illegal to park:

- opposite or within ten metres of a junction
- over a dropped kerb
- on a pedestrian crossing (including the area marked by the zig-zag lines)
- in spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, residents or motorbikes (unless entitled to do so)
- in marked taxi bays, cycle lanes or red lines
- near a school entrance, bus or tram stop
- anywhere that would prevent access for Emergency Services

If you notice a vehicle parked in any of the above areas, please report it to your [local council](#) who may issue the owner with a penalty charge notice.

If the vehicle is parked:

- on zig zag lines
- dangerously
- In a way that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing

These need to be [reported to us as crimes](#)."

## **ALDI**

This September we are taking part in Aldi's 'Kit for Schools'. From 6/9 to 3/11 families who shop in Aldi stores can receive Team GB stickers to send into school with their children. If we collect 300 we will receive an exclusive school sports kit and could win one of twenty £20,000 prizes.

## **Parents' surgeries**

This year we will be running parents surgeries across the year so that you can come and find out about or talk to us about school. The first one will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in the hall. You can meet the school leadership team, the admin team and FORA and hear about priorities for the coming year.

## **School Lunches**

We wanted to say a huge Thank You for all your feedback regarding school meals. We have met with our new caterers and are pleased to say that changes have been made as to how certain foods will be served. We hope that this will ensure your children have a healthy and enjoyable dinner. If you need a special menu designing specifically for your child, a medical or life style form is available from the office.

## **Concerns**

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's education please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. A copy of our complaints policy is available on our website and also on the Learn-at Multi Academy Trust website.

## FORA Facebook page

Please note that this page is the platform for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) - the charitable body that raises funds for the school.

If you have questions/issues regarding school clubs, school meals, payments for trips, uniform etc - please ask at the school office.

Members of this page include parents, teachers and governors and it is not the appropriate place for discussion of concerns regarding teaching, management etc. These issues should always be directed to the school - either via the class teacher or a member of the Senior leadership team.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - FORA AGM

Ridgeway Primary Academy takes safeguarding of all its children very seriously. Our child protection policies are available on the school website.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - LKS2 Phase meeting for parents (Y3/4) - 3.30pm in hall

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September - KS1 Phase meeting for parents (Y1/2) 2.30pm in hall

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - UKS2 Phase meeting for parents (Y5/6) 3.30pm in hall

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Parents settling in meeting 3.30 - 5.00pm (Drop in after school)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Wear it Wild Day

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - National Poetry Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept FORA AGM

W/C Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Grandparents for lunch week

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival

