

# Ridgeway Primary School

Newsletter 2: 15th September 2017 Edition



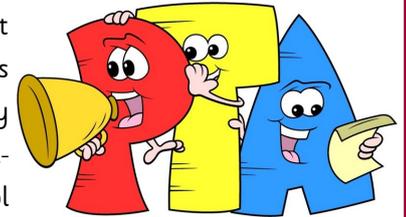
## Phonics Evening

Calling all parents in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2). Next Wednesday is our annual phonics evening for parents. The session runs from 3.30pm—4.30pm and looks at phonics, how we teach it and how you can most effectively support your child at home as they develop their first skills in reading. If you are new to school, have missed this annual session before or would simply like a refresher, you are welcome to join us. Mrs Naylor will be running the session and I will be running 'child care' during the session. Please, don't hesitate to ask if you would like more information.



## Could you Spare an Hour?

Just being the parent of a child in school automatically means that you are a member of the PTA. The first meeting of this school year is next Thursday 21st September. The meeting is held at school and lasts about an hour. This meeting is to plan out a calendar of events for the year. Whatever you can offer is gratefully received as the events organised and the funds raised by the PTA go toward making memories for your children, those extra special elements of their primary school experience that the school budget simply cannot afford. For more information please speak to Mrs Wilkinson or myself or any of the current committee.



## £1 Coins

As I am sure you are aware the old £1 coins stop being legal tender on 15th October. As such, to give us time to process and bank the money, we will no longer be accepting the old coins from Friday 29th September. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



## Brownlee Foundation Event

On 28<sup>th</sup> September Jonny and Alistair Brownlee (Team GB members and Olympic medallists) are hosting a children's triathlon event so children can try the sport. We are very excited to say that we have registered and are taking a team of eight Year 6 pupils to the event.



*Achieving our potential together.*



### Welcome to Castle Unicorn

For those of you who have not been into school so far this year I thought I would share the amazing learning environment that the Year 1 children are currently working in. Each day they enter the classroom through the 'castle door' and have the opportunity to role play in the 'keep'. As part of the motor control / art jobs they have been doing in class they have created flaming torches and a portcullis chain to add the effect. It has been wonderful to see the sparkle of excitement and enjoyment from the children to start the new year.

### Star of the Week Awards Assembly - invitation

As you know we always like to celebrate the success of children. One way we do this is through our 'Stars of the Week' assembly. This is a lovely occasion to share with the children and I would like to invite parents / carers to come in and join us too.



Key Stage 1 & 2 will, once again, alternate assemblies each week. I will send out a text on the Thursday inviting parents of the relevant classes in to join us. I will also send a text to the parents of nominated children so you know if your child has been nominated. I would ask you to keep it **secret** please, and not spoil the surprise. Two children from each class will be nominated to receive the award for showing excellence in a particular area. We will also give out the weekly attendance and lunch time awards to the winning classes. The Assembly starts at 2.50pm and (should) finish about 3.20pm ready for the end of the day. The door will be opened when the classroom has been cleared of tables. I hope you will enjoy sharing the success of the children as much as I do.

Key Stage 2 started this week 15th Sept., with Key Stage 1 next week 22nd Sept.

### Attendance

This week's top attendance..

1st	The Thunderbirds (Y6)	99.2%	
2nd	Team Phoenix (Y4)	98.9%	
3rd	Team Pegasus (Y2)	98.6%	

Whole school 96.2%  
0.1% **Above** our target (96.1%)

### Diary Dates

Mon 18th Sept	Clubs start
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Wed 20th Sept	Parents Phonics Evening 3.30—4.30pm
Fri 22nd Sept	DCC Late Gate—punctuality check
Wed 18th Oct	Parent Consultations 1
Thurs 19th Oct	Parent Consultations 2
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