

Newsletter



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11th January 2019

Happy New Year



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and to wish you all a Happy New Year. I have enjoyed talking to the children and hearing about their very exciting Christmas holidays. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots to experience and enjoy and I am looking forward to keeping you updated as we progress through the term.

Dates for Spring Term and Summer Term 2019 Please find attached to this letter a list of important dates for the remainder of this academic year along with the Extra-Curricular timetable for the spring term.

Extra-Curricular Clubs Along with this letter you will receive a list of the extra-curricular clubs being delivered by Progressive Sports and Mr Newey, this term. Booking forms related to the Reflections Dance Club will be available for collection from the school office from the morning of Monday 14th January onwards. Please be aware that places for clubs delivered by Progressive Sports and Mr Newey can only be secured via your ParentPay account. Places are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis. On Monday 14th January at 4.00pm, the clubs relevant to your child's year group will appear on ParentPay and will become live; this will enable you to book and pay directly with Progressive Sports / Mr Newey. Once all places have been allocated, you will no longer be able to access the relevant area on ParentPay. ***Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding any of the clubs or if you experience any problems when trying to book your child a place.***

School Crossing Patrol

This is an important reminder from the Local Authority that as of 14th January 2019, both crossing sites at the round-about junction of Hill Street/Hayes Way will not be manned by patrols. This is due to recruitment issues and personal issues related to the existing crossing patrols. Please make alternative arrangements for the safe journey to and from school for your child if you have any concerns regarding this matter. ***(The existing provision directly outside the front gates of the school, will not be affected.)***

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
14th January 2019 – Menu week
3.

14th January – Bag2School drop off day – before and after school – outside main school office.

15th January – Bag2School drop off day – **before school only** – outside main school office.

15th January – PTFA Meeting
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom

17th January – Year 5 Visit to Kingsmead

23rd January – KS2 Choir Members performing at 'Young Voices', Genting Arena – *Evening Performance.*

24th January - Year 6 Theatre Trip
(*The New Vic – Wind in the Willows*)

W/B 4th February Sponsored Event
(*More details to follow.*)

5th February – Safer Internet Day
(*More details to follow.*)

8th February – Parents' Forum
9.15am

W/B 11th February - Parent/Teacher Consultations **Year 6 Parents only**
(*After School Appointments*)

11th February – Year 1 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)

11th – January – Year 4 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (*Invited parents only.*)

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

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Bad Weather Procedures

In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link:
<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Amy Griffiths won last weekend's lottery. Well done Amy! Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Nursery Places for 2019 – 2020

The New Year is a time when many parents consider which setting they would like their child to attend as they enter **Nursery** in **September 2019**. If you, or anyone you know who has a child of Nursery age, would like to come and take a look at our teacher-led Early Years Provision, discuss what options are available for your child, or register your interest in taking up a place in our purpose designed Nursery, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Gould, who is our Early Years Assistant Headteacher or Miss Grice, who is our Nursery teacher.



Year 6 Parent Consultations Year 6 Parent consultations meetings will take place slightly earlier this term, compared to the rest of the school. This allows greater opportunity for Year 6 parents to receive feedback and advice on ways you can support your child at home before they are subject to SATs in May. Y6 Parent consultations are due to take place during the week commencing **11th February** and Year 6 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 14th February**. Appointments can be made by visiting the school website and clicking on the tab marked 'Parents' Evening.' This service is available to access from 4.00pm on 18th January until 4.00pm on 1st February. If you do not have internet access, it is possible to make an appointment through the school office; please ring and discuss this with a member of the office staff who will book an appointment for you.

Fundraising

I have pleasure in informing you that Year 1 pupils raised a fantastic £60.80 for 'Save the Children' at the end of last term when they wore their Christmas jumpers. Reception pupils raised an amazing £95.13 for Birmingham Children's Hospital due to donations received following both of the Reception Nativity performances, and Year 2 pupils raised £42 by carrying out a 'Santa Run' at the end of last term. Well done to all pupils involved and thank you to everyone for your kind donations.



PTFA News! **Bag2School** – Bags have been sent home and we ask that they are filled with usable old clothes to be brought into school on Monday 14th January (before and after school) or Tuesday 15th January (before school only) and placed under the canopy close to the main school office. Please use normal black refuse bags should you not be issued with a bag due to the size of our school, or if you require additional bags. We hope to see lots of bags which will be weighed in for cash, going towards our fundraising endeavours.

Money raised - We are pleased to announce that the Christmas Bingo raised £854.60 and the Christmas Cards raised £847.93. Thank you once again to everyone that contributed to these initiatives.

Christmas Parties - Thank you to all those parents who volunteered.

All members of the Five Ways Primary PTFA would like to wish you a Happy New Year and say thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at future events!

Pride in our Uniform It has been lovely to see so many pupils looking very smart in their uniforms following the Christmas break; it really does show pride in our school in the local community. However, there are a small number of older pupils who are wearing trainers for school rather than school shoes. I would like to politely request that pupils wear shoes rather than trainers for school, unless there are exceptional circumstances that have been explained to the classteacher. Thank you for helping to maintain high standards in school uniform at Five Ways.

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