

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

25th January 2019

Attendance

As we have entered January, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of December. The percentage attendance for the whole school for December was 95.5%. Congratulations to Year 5 with the highest monthly attendance of 96.5% and to Miss Kershaw's class in Year 5 with a fantastic attendance of 98.3%. Well done everyone!

Reception	93.8%
Y1	95.5%
Y2	95.2%
Y3	95.9%
Y4	95.3%
Y5	96.5%
Y6	95.7%



As a reward for outstanding attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 5 who were the winners for the month of December. Enjoy your extra playtime!

Please remember, that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and most likely will result in a penalty notice being issued to parents by Staffordshire County Council. Thank you.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 28th January 2019 – Menu week 2.

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

5th February – Year 2 Visiting St John's Church

6th February – Nursery Open Day – Please see posters around school.

8th February – Maths Day and Sponsored Maths Event

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 – February – Year 4 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (Invited parents only.)

For further dates, please see page 2.

Outstanding Choir Performance

I had the pleasure of attending the 'Young Voices' concert this week at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. KS2 choir members from Five Ways performed alongside other school choirs from across the West Midlands. Approximately 110 of our pupils took part in the concert and performed in front of families and friends in a choir made up of approximately 6500 pupils. The atmosphere in the arena was amazing and the sound of thousands of children singing in harmony was beautiful. The choir sang with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists to create a remarkable performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr McFarlane, who is our music teacher, for preparing our choir before the event and to all of the Five Ways staff who attended and supervised the children. In addition, I would like to thank all of the parents and family members who supported the concert and went along to watch the performance. Well done everyone!



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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 Donna Dixon won last weekend's lottery. Well done Donna! Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Forthcoming Dates continued:

12th February – Reception Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)

12th – February – Year 6 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (*Invited parents only.*)

12th February – PTFA Meeting 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom

13th February – Year 5 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)

14th February – Year 2 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)

14th February – Reception Visit to Dudley Museum and Art Gallery (*Half of the year group.*)

14th – February – Year 3 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (*Invited parents only.*)

14th February – Year 6 Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm

15th February - School Closes for Half Term *Normal Times*

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

Maths Day / Sponsored Maths Activity

At Five Ways, we are passionate about raising the profile of mathematics so that all pupils are excited about their learning in maths lessons. To increase the profile of maths across the school, I am delighted to inform you that this year all year groups will be invited to take part in a maths day, held on **Friday 8th February**, where the focus for learning for the whole day will be on active engagement and enjoyment of maths. Our pupils will also be carrying out their sponsored event on this day which will have a maths focus. A copy of your child's sponsor form has been sent home today and a description of the activity has been placed at the top of the sponsor form for your information. We would be grateful if sponsor money could be returned to school by Friday 8th March so that pupils can be consulted regarding how they feel the funds would be best spent to benefit them directly. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we do not want to encourage pupils to go from door to door to collect sponsors as this would compromise their safety. I would like to thank everyone in advance for supporting our maths day and sponsored event and look forward to informing you about what the funds have been spent on. Additional information regarding our maths day was sent home yesterday.

PTFA News!

Easter Chocolate Bingo – 5th April - Full details of this event will be announced in the next couple of weeks. It is always popular and sells out fast. Friday 15th February is a non-uniform day in return for Easter themed chocolate or a monetary donation. (Suggested amount £1.)

Easter Egg Hunt – 12th April – On the final day before the Easter holidays we will see our Easter Egg Hunt take place. Details for this event will be announced soon, so keep your eyes out for this too!

Year 6 Parent Consultations 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.

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