

Newsletter



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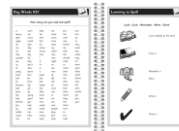
7th September 2018

Welcome Back



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the summer break and to make an especially warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception families. We are very excited about all of the wonderful activities we have planned for the year ahead!

Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 should have received their Home-Link book which has been updated following feedback from last year. A covering letter from me was sent home on Wednesday explaining the purpose of these books and detailing their contents. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classteacher if you have any questions regarding the use of your child's Home-Link book or any of the information contained within it. Please remember that your child needs to bring their Home-Link book to school every day.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 10th September 2018 – Menu week 3.

In addition, please see the updated list of dates (Version 2), sent home today for this academic year.

12th September - CGP Workshops for Year 6 Parents and Pupils
2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Year 6 Classrooms

12th September – Lost property available for collection from KS2 Hall
3.20pm – 4.00pm

13th September – Kingsmead Meeting for Year 6 Parents and Pupils at Five Ways 3.30pm Miss Myatt's Year 6 Classroom

17th September – Year 5 Pupils to Laches Wood – Taster Day (*Mrs Lindsay's and Mrs Moorhouse's classes only.*)

24th September – Year 5 Pupils to Laches Wood – Taster Day (*Miss Kershaw's and Miss Lane's classes only.*)

25th September - PTFA Welcome / Coffee Evening – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All Parents Welcome*)

27th September – Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre in Year 2 (*More details to follow.*)

9th October - PTFA AGM – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom

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

Dates 2018 – 2019

A list of important dates for this academic year was sent home during the final week of the summer term however, I have sent home an updated version of the date list today. This is due to the fact that a small number of dates have been altered due to unforeseen circumstances and certain additional dates have now been confirmed. Please ensure you update your diary dates referring to 'Version 2' date list issued today. Thank you for your understanding.

Please be aware that the remaining INSET days for this year are as follows:



26th October 2018

2nd May 2019 (*This is a provisional date to coincide with Polling Day, as we are awaiting official confirmation from the council.*)

28th June 2019

22nd July 2019

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We're Here to Help I am pleased to report that most children have settled well during their first week back at school. However, I know that there are times when parents need to speak to someone in school regarding a concern they may have or an issue that has arisen. Please feel free to speak to the adult on the entrance doors to arrange a meeting with your child's classteacher or alternatively, please feel free to make an appointment to speak to your child's Year Leader. In addition, Mrs Fuller as Deputy Headteacher, Miss Jones as Assistant Headteacher and myself are always available to speak to parents if required. Mrs Gould who is also an Assistant Headteacher at Five Ways is available to speak to any Early Years parents. Please catch us on the school gate or telephone the school office to make an appointment if necessary. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all staff at Five Ways are committed to ensuring your child achieves their full potential both academically and socially, so please do not hesitate to speak to one of us if you do experience any concerns. Thank you.



Kingsmead High School

I would like to inform families of pupils in Year 6 that a 'Welcome Meeting' for parents and pupils has been arranged to take place at Five Ways and is being conducted by Mrs Mincher, the Headteacher at Kingsmead. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 13th September at Five Ways Primary School at 3.30pm**. Any Year 6 parents wishing to attend this meeting should go to Miss Myatt's classroom, located in our KS2 building, at 3.30pm on this day. To enable us to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend, please complete the reply slip attached to this newsletter and return it to your child's classteacher at Five Ways.

Premises Refurbishments

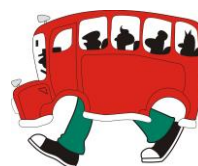
I am sure that many parents have noticed that all of the external doors around the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 building have been replaced during the summer break. The cost of the project has been funded by Staffordshire County Council, and I am sure that you will agree that the new doors look beautiful. As the Headteacher of Five Ways, I feel it is important to maintain a clean and well-presented premises that all of the school community can be proud of.

Parents may have also noticed that new planting has taken place in the flower bed outside the main office area. I would like to ask parents to support us in protecting this area, by not allowing younger children to walk or run through this space. Thank you.

Parents' Evening Parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 15th October with Parents' Evening on Thursday 18th October. You can make an appointment to see your child's classteacher by visiting the school website and clicking on the tab marked 'Parents' Evening.' This will be available to access from Friday 21st September at 4.00pm until Friday 5th October at 4.00pm. 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.

Walking Bus

I am pleased to inform you that the Walking Bus Scheme is returning to Five Ways with effect from 17th September. Please see the letter sent home today for further details.



Congratulations

I have the pleasure in announcing that Miss Holmes, who is our Year 1 Leader, got married over the summer. She is now called Mrs Young. On behalf of everyone at Five Ways, I would like to send Mr and Mrs Young our best wishes for the future.



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PTFA News!

The PTFA would like to welcome everyone back following the summer break



and give a warm welcome to all of our new Nursery and Reception families.

The PTFA are currently finalising this year's event calendar that will be sent home next week.

The PTFA 'Welcome Meeting' will be held on Tuesday 25th September at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom. Everyone is welcome! This is a great opportunity to meet the PTFA team, as well as finding out more about what they do and how you can get involved.

The PTFA AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th October at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom. Again, everyone is welcome! At this meeting, the new committee will be voted in for 2018 – 2019.

Five Ways Lottery – The winners of each lottery over the summer holiday were posted on the PTFA Facebook page as they happened. Well done to all those who won! Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see children returning to school wearing their uniforms and all looking incredibly smart. Uniform is an important way of creating our school community and shared values.

At the end of last year, we had a huge amount of lost property left behind, including school branded sweatshirts and cardigans, coats and footwear. Should your child have lost any of their property last year, please come along to the KS2 Hall next Wednesday 12th September at 3.20pm to claim anything that belongs to your child. Any items that are not collected by 4.00pm will be donated to a local charity shop. Thank you.



Homework Books Pupils in KS1 and KS2 may have already been issued with their homework book this week. This year we have endeavoured to source homework books which are more durable and hardwearing than normal exercise books. This is because they are used frequently and transported in pupils' bags and can get easily damaged. We have also purchased bespoke name labels for our homework books this year, so that pupils understand the importance placed upon these books.

For this reason, we are requesting that homework books are only covered in sticky back plastic rather than wallpaper or wrapping paper this year. We hope that the books will be kept in better condition and will be more consistently presented across the school. Thank you for supporting us in encouraging your child to take a pride in the presentation of their homework book. If you are unable to cover the book in sticky back plastic, then please leave it uncovered. Thank you.



Extra-Curricular Clubs Along with this letter you will receive a list of the extra-curricular clubs which are being offered to pupils this term. Further information letters will be sent home by staff detailing dates, times, venues and how to secure your child a place. Booking forms related to the Reflections Dance Club will be available for collection from the school office from 3.20pm on Tuesday 11th September 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 Tuesday 11th September 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 you have made your payment through your ParentPay account, your child's place will be secured. Once all places have been allocated, you will no longer be able to access the relevant area on ParentPay to book your child a place. An information sheet has also been sent home today listing the sports clubs being delivered by Progressive Sports and Mr Newey this term. 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.

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Reply Slip:

Year 6 Meeting for Parents and Pupils

Kingsmead High School 'Welcome Meeting'

(Please delete as appropriate)

I/We will be attending the 'Welcome Meeting' being delivered by Mrs Mincher (Headteacher - Kingsmead) on Thursday 13th September at 3.30pm at Five Ways.

Number of seats required: _____

Child's name: _____

Registration teacher: _____

Please return to your child's classteacher at Five Ways. Thank you.