

Newsletter



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28th September 2018

Walk to School Month

Every October is International Walk to School Month which provides an opportunity for children to join hundreds of thousands of pupils across the globe, celebrating the walk to school. Staffordshire County Council support this campaign and as a school, we too, want to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage more pupils to walk to school. For this reason, we would like families to actively participate in Walk to School Month by leaving their car at home or by parking further away from the school so that more pupils have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of walking. During the month of October, each class will be building some time into their normal week to enjoy walking around the school grounds. At the end of the month, pupils will receive a certificate for trying to improve their health by walking to school, walking whilst at school and for encouraging their families to walk at the weekends. Please remember that in addition to all of the above opportunities to build in more walking, there are still places available on our 'Walking Bus' which departs from Tescos at 8.25am each Monday; please contact the school office for further details.



Lost Property

This is a reminder that all of your child's school uniform and equipment including their PE kit, shoes, trainers, pumps and lunchbox etc. should be labelled clearly with their name, to ensure it can be returned to them if it is mislaid. We are still collecting a lot of lost property that is without name labels and it makes it extremely hard to ensure items are returned to the correct pupils if items are not labelled.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

1st October 2018 – Menu week

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4th October – Reception Mathematics Workshop for Parents 2.15pm / 6.00pm (*Please see letter sent home today.*)

5th October – NHS Flu Vaccination Program Reception to Year 5 Pupils (*Please ensure consent forms have been returned to school.*)

9th October – Year 3 Mathematics Workshop for Parents 1.45pm / 5.30pm

9th October - PTFA AGM – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom

10th October – Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents 2.00pm / 6.00pm

12th October – PTFA Flip and Dippy Show 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Ticket holders only.*)

W/B 15th October - Parent/Teacher Consultations. (*After School Appointments.*)

17th October – Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability

18th October – Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability

18th October - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments 6.00pm – 8.30pm

19th October – Year 5 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)

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

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Parents' Evening

This is a reminder that 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 is available to access now up 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.



We Need You!

Five Ways has always been very fortunate to have a thriving PTFA that has been an integral part of the school community for many years.

The PTFA is a charitable organisation run by a number of parent and staff volunteers and has always been such a success. PTFA members help to organise events for the school and wider community, both fund raising and social. They aim to raise funds to buy things that will benefit the children at Five Ways, which the school could not otherwise afford.

Funding raised by the PTFA has previously been allocated to purchasing bright and colourful playground markings across the school, additional learning resources for maths and English including reading books for use at home and school, outdoor gym equipment, resources to enrich theme days, e.g. an African drumming workshop on International day and has also been used to fund the cost of First Aid courses for Year 5 pupils to participate in. This is just a flavour of some of the amazing things that funding from the PTFA has enabled the school to purchase for our pupils.

Events organised by the PTFA include Easter Egg hunts, chocolate bingo, a sensational Summer Fayre, end of year and Christmas parties and many more. However, none of these fundraising events would be possible without the hard work and commitment of the parents and staff volunteers who give up their time so willingly for the Five Ways community.

On behalf of the PTFA, I would like to impress upon you the importance of this team of volunteers and the crucial role they play at Five Ways. The PTFA AGM is being held on Tuesday 9th October at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom when new committee members will be elected for 2018 - 2019. Please come along to this meeting and get involved and support this valuable team that benefits all pupils at Five Ways. Without enough volunteers, the PTFA would not be able to function and this would be a terrible loss to the school. As well as the need for new volunteers, the key roles on the committee that need people to stand for this year are: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and 3 named committee members.

If you are able to volunteer or would like to find out more about the PTFA, please come along to the AGM on 9th October; a warm welcome awaits you along with refreshments and that sense of pride, knowing you are joining a team of volunteers, who work relentlessly to enrich the lives of pupils at Five Ways.

PTFA News!

PTFA Welcome Meeting – Thank you to those parents who attended the welcome meeting; it was lovely to see some new faces.



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

Flip and Dippy Clown Show – 12th October – Ticket numbers are limited for this fun event however, there are some tickets still available. Please return slips and money to the school office by 5th October. Thank you.

Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre – 8th December, 2.00pm – 5.00pm – We are once again organising a Gift and Craft fayre following last year's success. We are offering 14 tables to local crafters and gift sellers on a first come, first served basis. If you or anyone you know would like a table, please contact the PTFA via email at ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com

Five Ways Lottery – We are pleased to announce that John Whistance won last weekend's lotteries. Well done to John! Please keep your eyes peeled for the latest lottery flyer. Tickets can be bought by following the link: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

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