

# Newsletter



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9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Welcome Back!

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break with your families and are looking forward to the many activities that we have planned before Christmas. These include taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, supporting Children in Need, conducting our first enrichment day of this academic year, entitled International Day, the PTFA Christmas Craft and Gift Fayre and of course, watching pupils in their Christmas performances! This is just a taste of some of the wonderful activities that your children will be involved in during the next half term at Five Ways.



## Parent Workshops!

At Five Ways we understand that parents can have a major impact upon the academic development of their children. For this reason, every year group has arranged a Parent Workshop to take place this term.



This week parents of Year 2 and Year 4 children were invited into school to take part in a maths workshop and we have received some excellent feedback from parents about these. I would like to thank all of the parents and pupils who attended the workshops and hope that everyone found them useful; I am sure we will see the impact of your support from home as a result of your attendance, in the attainment of your children. I would also like to thank the staff involved for all of their hard work when preparing resources and information for the workshops.

*Early Years and Year 5 workshops are due to take place as detailed below; more details will be sent home to you via a letter from your child's Year Leader, if this has not already happened.*

Year Group	Focus	Date	Times
Nursery and Reception	Mathematics	29 <sup>th</sup> November	2.15pm / 6.00pm
Year 5	Mathematics	15 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00pm / 6.00pm

## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Menu week 2.

9<sup>th</sup> November until 14<sup>th</sup> November –  
Book Fair in school 3.30pm –  
4.15pm KS2 Library

W/B 12<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying  
Week (*Pupils will take part in anti-  
bullying activities throughout the  
week and will be reminded about  
what to do if they feel they are being  
bullied.*)

13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Wildlife  
Workshop in school

13<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Meeting KS1  
Staffroom 7.15pm (*All Welcome!*)

15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 and Year 6  
NSPCC Workshops in school

15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5  
Mathematics Workshops 2.00pm  
and 6.00pm

16<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Forum  
Meeting 9.15am (*Please inform the  
office if you wish to attend. The  
forum is made up of a small group of  
parents across the school, who  
discuss school improvement issues  
so that the provision at Five Ways is  
improved for everyone. The meeting  
usually lasts for 1 and a half hours.*)

16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need  
Day (*Pupils are able to wear 1 item  
of spotty clothing in return for a  
donation to the charity, suggested  
amount £1.*)

***For further dates, please see page  
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## Book Fair

This is a reminder that the book fair is in school now and begins straight after school until 4.15pm approximately each day in the KS2 library. Please be aware that the final night for the book fair is Wednesday 14th November.



## Dinner Money Payments

This is a polite reminder that payment for school dinners should be made through use of your ParentPay account, and payments should be made in advance of meals being taken. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

## Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Shelley Maritza won the lottery that took place on 27<sup>th</sup> October and Claire Morton won last weekend's lottery. Well done to both ladies! Tickets can be bought by following the link:

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/ottery/school/five-ways-primary-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/ottery/school/five-ways-primary-school)

## Children in Need

As you may be aware, it is Children in Need day next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. To enable pupils to understand the purpose of the event and to join in the fundraising, pupils are able to wear 1 item of spotty clothing on this day in return for a donation to the charity. This might be a pair of spotty socks, a spotty hairband or any other spotty item. In addition, pupils will spend a lesson during this day learning about the work of the charity and the worthy causes it supports.



## Forthcoming Dates continued:

22<sup>nd</sup> November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

23<sup>rd</sup> November - Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers

29<sup>th</sup> November – Foundation Stage Mathematics Workshop 2.15pm / 6.00pm

30<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Christmas Bingo - Doors Open at 6.00pm and starts at 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Ticket holders only.*)

5<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall

6<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall

8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft and Gift Fayre 2.00pm – 5.00pm KS1 hall (*All welcome!*)

10<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall (*A - J surnames only.*)

11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall (*K - Z surnames only.*)

11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall

12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall

13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Christmas Service 10.00am KS2 Hall

13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS2 Hall (*Miss Kershaw's and Mrs Moorhouse's classes only.*)

14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Christmas Service 10.00am KS2 Hall (*Mrs Linday's and Miss Lanes' classes only.*)

14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS2 Hall

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

## PTFA News!

**Christmas Bingo** - The very popular Christmas Bingo is taking place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Please see information on tickets sales sent home today. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please get in touch via [ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com) Thank you.

**Christmas Craft and Gift Fayre** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Start your Christmas shopping by coming to our Craft and Gift Fayre. Refreshments will be available and a chance to enter a raffle to win prizes donated by our stall holders. We are now taking bookings for tables, so if you are a crafter or gift maker, please get in touch with the PTFA via the email [ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com) Tables are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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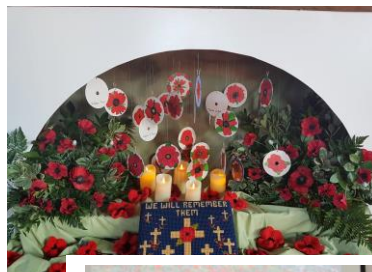
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**Remembrance Day** All pupils and staff in school took part in a minutes silence at 11 o'clock today to commemorate Remembrance Day and 100 years since the Armistice was signed in November 1918, bringing an end to the First World War. KS2 pupils met in the hall at 10.45am and looked at photographs associated with Armistice Day. They also listened to poems read out by pupils in Year 6. I would like to say well done to these pupils; you made our Remembrance Assembly feel very special.

In addition, and to mark this very special occasion, all pupils in KS2 have helped to create an outstanding display of poppies to mirror the design which appeared to flow out of the Tower of London in 2014. Our creation is displayed in Katie's garden and shows handmade poppies rippling down and across the ground. Please go along and have a look; I am sure you will feel very moved by the display. I would like to thank the pupils and staff who have been involved in creating such a special piece of art work in our school grounds that we can be proud of.

Year 5 pupils have also been reflecting on the events of WWI. Pupils explored the symbol of the poppy and created poppy art work to contribute to community Remembrance displays inside St John's Church and outside The Bourne Methodist Church, Heath Hayes. Each of the poppies has been dedicated to soldiers who fought in WWI and whose names are remembered on the Wimblebury and Five Ways Island war memorials. Mrs Kershaw's class in Year 5, also explored famous war poets and through exploration of film clips and images, generated ideas to write thoughtful and emotive war poems. Some of these poems are on display inside St John's Church.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from Five Ways have been invited to take part in The Bourne Methodist Church Remembrance service, this coming Sunday. Pupils have already received letters with further details regarding specific arrangements. I am very proud that our pupils will be involved in such a special event within the community.



This is Scarlett Robinson and Jack Lyons from Year 6, who were some of the pupils who read out poems during our Remembrance Assembly today.

## **NSPCC**

This week, we were pleased to welcome into school specially trained staff from the charity NSPCC, who delivered an assembly to our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. With the help of their mascot, Buddy, the staff covered topics like bullying and abuse, but without using any scary words or adult language. Pupils learned about the different types of abuse in a child-friendly and age appropriate way, and learned how to get help if or when they need it. The NSPCC staff helped pupils identify a trusted adult they could talk to if they were ever worried about themselves or a friend. Pupils also learned about Childline, and how it could support them.

The staff are due to return to school next week to carry out follow-up classroom workshops for pupils in Year 5 and 6. They will explore the topics in more detail and look at different situations and decide what is alright and what is not. I would like to reassure parents that teachers are present throughout the assemblies and workshops, so everyone is familiar with the topics covered.

The NSPCC staff will also return to school at a later date, to carry out a similar assembly with our KS1 and Year 3 pupils.

All pupils will receive a 'Speak out Stay safe' sticker to remind them of the important messages they have been taught during the assemblies.



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## **Sports News!**

I am pleased to announce that our Year 5/6 girls' football team took part in their first opening matches of the season, at a football competition on 24<sup>th</sup> October at Rugeley Leisure Centre. The Level 2 Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership competition saw our girls placed in a qualifying group alongside Redbrook Hayes, West Hill and Etching Hill primary school. Mr Redpath wrote, 'In brisk, autumnal conditions, the team won 1 match and lost 2 matches. With minimum practice time, and a number of players making their school football team debuts, this was an encouraging start to the year. Our goalkeeper, Evie Tranter, produced some excellent saves. Our goals were scored by Olivia Mynett and Ariana Sandhu-Whitton.' I would like to congratulate all girls who took part and give thanks to Mr Redpath and Mrs Marsh for attending the competition and supporting the team.



Team members were as follows from the back row on the left: Ella Baskerville, Rachel Bates, Olivia Mynett, Phoebe Applegarth and Madison George. Front row on the left: Isobel Bicknell, Evie Tranter, Ariana Sandhu-Whitton and Millie-Mae Buttrick.

Well done everyone!

In other news, I am pleased to report that our 15-strong Year 5/6 boys' football squad played at Gorsemoor on 25<sup>th</sup> October and took part in trial matches for the upcoming competition at Rugeley Leisure Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Mr Redpath wrote, 'With the squad split into a Year 5 team and a Year 6 team, our boys demonstrated total commitment and a high skill level, both in their matches against Gorsemoor and a final match against each other. These ingredients, combined with excellent attitude and behaviour as always, augurs well for the matches and challenges ahead.' Again, these are tremendous achievements and we are all very proud of you. Well done everyone!



In addition, I am pleased to announce that Miss Myatt has been able to purchase a netball kit for her netball team. Funding for the kit came from £130 raised on Healthy Lifestyle evening, which kindly came from families attending the event, and the remainder came from Government Sports Funding. Some of the netball members are pictured below in the new kit. They look splendid and very well presented!



Team members were as follows from the back row on the left: Max Haslam, Austin Morgan, Reece Payne, Alfie Van Hagen, Daniel Luckman, Lorenzo Barnett, Charlie Elcock and Rory Black. Front row on the left: Harry Peace, Joel Florey, Aiden Engler, Archie Saunders, Ethan Hodgetts, Jackson Knight and Charlie Asling. Well done everyone!

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