

# Newsletter



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16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Christmas Productions** We are once again approaching the Christmas season and our pupils and staff are beginning to think about their fabulous Christmas performances. Please find below a list of dates and times for each year groups performance. **(Please note the change of date for one of the Year 6 performances.)** Year Leaders will contact you regarding specific details closer to the time if they have not done so already. I look forward to sharing the performances with you.



Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Reception	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 1	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm (A - J surnames please.) Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am (K - Z surnames please.)	KS1 School Hall
Year 3	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am	St. John's Church
Year 4	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am	St. John's Church
Year 5	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am - <b>Miss Kershaw's &amp; Mrs Moorhouse's classes only.</b>  Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am and Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm - <b>Mrs Lindsay's &amp; Miss Lane's classes only.</b>	KS2 School Hall
Year 6	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm <b>(Please note that this is a rearranged date due to a clash with Year 6 choir members performing at Lichfield cathedral on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.)</b>  Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am	KS2 School Hall

## **Forthcoming Dates:**



### **Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Menu week 3.**

22<sup>nd</sup> November - Enrichment Day - International Day

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

11<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Meeting 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom

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

**For further dates, please see page 2.**

**Special Assemblies** Please note that there will be no Special Assemblies taking place at the end of this half term. This is due to the fact that all parents have been invited to watch their child take part in the above performances at this special time of year. Special Assemblies will begin again just before the February half term and invited parents will receive individual letters detailing dates and times.

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### Book Fair



As you are aware, the book fair took place this week and I am pleased to announce that £640.52 was taken in sales. This will result in a pleasing amount of commission being raised for school so that additional reading materials can be purchased for the benefit of our pupils. Thank you if you visited the fair and purchased a book!

### Parent Workshops



This week, parents of Year 5 children took part in a maths workshop and positive feedback from people who attended was gratefully received.

As always, I would like to thank parents and pupils who attended and thank the staff for all of their hard work and commitment to pupils at Five Ways. Mathematics workshops for Foundation Stage parents are still to take place and are scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm and 6.00pm.

I would also like to remind parents that further support from classteachers can be obtained if you have any concerns regarding your child's attainment and progress or any aspects of their social development. Please remember that we are here to help and that we want to work in partnership with parents to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

### International Day



On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November pupils will be taking part in our first Enrichment Day of this academic year. The day will be entitled 'International Day' and each year group will focus upon a specific country to learn about. Pupils will discover facts about their chosen country including typical foods, traditions and the culture. I look forward to sharing lots of photographs with you showing how much fun was had during the day. The countries being studied are as follows: Nursery: France, Reception: Italy, Year 1: India, Year 2: Japan, Year 3: China, Year 4: Italy, Year 5: Mexico, Year 6: Brazil.

### Children in Need



Today was Children in Need day; it was lovely seeing pupils dressed in spotty items of clothing! Pudsey even made a visit to each classroom and collected any donations to the charity. I will inform you of how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.

### Forthcoming Dates continued:

12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS2 Hall (*Please note that this is a rearranged date due to a clash with Year 6 choir members performing at Lichfield cathedral.*)

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 Lane's classes only.*)

14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5/6 Choir Members Performing at Lichfield Cathedral

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

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

18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and Year 2 Theatre Trip – The Gatehouse, Stafford (*Dick Whittington*)

18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Dinner

18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Christmas Service 1.45pm St John's Church

19<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Dinner

19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Christmas Service 10.30am St John's Church

19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Christmas Service 1.45pm St John's Church

20<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Stage Christmas Parties (*During the school day.*)

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

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### Attendance

As we have entered November, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of October. The percentage attendance for the whole school for October was 96%.

Congratulations to Year 5 with the highest monthly attendance of 97.3% and to Miss Lane's class in Year 5 with a fantastic attendance of 98.8%. Well done everyone!

Reception	93.2%
Y1	95.2%
Y2	95.2%
Y3	96.5%
Y4	97.2%
Y5	97.3%
Y6	96.7%



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 October. 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.*

### PTFA Christmas Parties

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the dates for the Christmas parties planned for children that will be taking place at the end of this term. The PTFA will be sending out a letter shortly with more information regarding the parties. The dates are as follows:

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Year 1: 4.00pm - 4.45pm KS2 Hall

Year 2: 5.00pm - 5.45pm KS2 Hall

Year 3 and Year 4: 6.15pm - 7.15pm KS2 Hall

Year 5 and Year 6: 7.30pm - 8.30pm KS2 Hall

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) - taking place during the school day.



### Anti-Bullying Week

As you are aware, this week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and pupils across the school have taken part in activities to support this campaign. The theme this year was to choose respect over bullying. Pupils discussed the fact that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online. As a sign of their support for the campaign, some pupils were encouraged to wear odd socks, as it gave them the opportunity to appreciate individuality and uniqueness. Year 3 pupils were proud to show their support; they are photographed below wearing their odd socks! Well done everyone!



### Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Anna Corbett won last weekend's lottery. Well done Anna! Tickets can be bought by following the link:

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

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## Football News!

After the trial matches against Gorsemoor, I am pleased to report that our Year 5/6 boys' football team participated in their first competitive outing of the year at Rugeley Leisure Centre on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Redpath wrote, 'The group stages of the Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership competition kicked off with a high quality 3-3 draw against our arch rivals St Luke's. In addition to the 3 goals scored in this particular match, our following three matches resulted in an absolute goalfest, as we scored 23 goals and conceded only 1 goal! Chief contributors to this impressive tally were Rory Black (8 goals), Archie Saunders (7 goals) and Jackson Knight (5 goals). The team can now look forward to the final stage of this particular competition early in the New Year.' This is a fantastic result and one that the players should be really proud of. Well done everyone!



The team were as follows: Left to right back row: Austin Morgan, Alfie Van-Hagan, Jackson Knight, Rory Black, Charlie Elcock. Left to right front row: Ethan Hodgetts, Archie Saunders. (Reece Payne also played in the match, but was unavailable for the photo.)

## PTFA News!



**Christmas Bingo** - The very popular Christmas Bingo is taking place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Tickets are on sale now however, you need to hurry, as they usually sell out very quickly! 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.

## Remembrance Service

This year, Remembrance Sunday fell on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War. To commemorate this special event pupils and staff attended the remembrance service at The Bourne Methodist Church and Heath Hayes Constitutional Club. Pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 were invited to read out poems that they had written, in memory of the fallen soldiers and those who fought in war.



Pictured above, from left to right are: Charlotte Holmes, Miss Jones, Jack Lyons, Elsie Robinson, Scarlett Robinson, Mrs Fuller, Ryan Smallman, Miss Kershaw, Emily Hollyhead, Charlotte Whittle and Tegan Anderson. Well done everyone; you were amazing!

## Netball News!

As you are aware, Beth Cobden, who is a former pupil from Five Ways has visited us on several occasions to promote netball and inspire our pupils to 'Aim for Excellence!' in sport and in life generally. You may remember that Beth is an English netball player who currently plays for Adelaide Thunderbirds in the Australian Super Netball league. Beth's passion for netball started when she used to watch her mum play netball. I am pleased to inform you that Beth's mum, who is a qualified netball coach, is looking for new members from Year 5 and 6 to join her netball club that takes place on Tuesdays in Lichfield. If any Year 5/6 children are interested in attending the club, please see the flyer sent home today for further details.



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