

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

7th December 2018

## Attendance

As we have entered December, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of November. The percentage attendance for the whole school for November was 96.5%. Congratulations to Year 5 with the highest monthly attendance of 98% and to Mrs Lindsay's class in Year 5 with a fantastic attendance of 99%. Well done everyone!

Reception	94.9%
Y1	95.9%
Y2	97%
Y3	96.2%
Y4	97.3%
Y5	98%
Y6	95.8%



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 November. 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Menu week 3.

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

12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS1 Hall

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

### Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performances

Please note that all of these performances will now take place in the KS1 Hall.

**Cross Country Performances** Our Year 3 and Year 4 boys' and girls' cross country teams maintained the strong tradition of distance running at Five Ways when they competed in the Level 2 competition at Rugeley Leisure Centre on 28th November. With approximately 18 schools from the Cannock and Rugeley area taking part, each race comprised of over 70 runners. Mr Redpath wrote, 'In such a challenging environment, our cross country teams produced, yet again, some outstanding results and performances as follows: Year 3 boys' team – 1<sup>st</sup> position, Year 4 girls' team – 2<sup>nd</sup> position, Year 4 boys' team – 2<sup>nd</sup> position. These 3 teams have now qualified for the Summer Games at Keele University in June 2019. Outstanding individual performances were as follows: Lydia Sargent – Year 4 - 3rd position, Lewis Harper - Year 4 - 3rd position, Joe Dyke – Year 3 - 6th position and Charlie Cresswell - Year 3 – 7th position.' Congratulations to all of the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils who took part; we are very proud of your performances and you represented Five Ways very well.



Here are the Year 3 boys' and girls' teams.



Here are the Year 4 boys' and girls' teams.

## **Five Ways Primary School**

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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 Tatum Houlston won last weekend's lottery. Well done Tatum! 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)

### **Forthcoming Dates continued:**

- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS1 Hall (*Miss Kershaw's and Mrs Moorhouse's classes only.*)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Meeting 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (***Please note, this is a rearranged date from the one originally stated.***)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall (*Mrs Linday's and Miss Lane's classes only.*)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5/6 Choir Members Performing at Lichfield Cathedral – Evening Performance 7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall (*Miss Kershaw's and Mrs Moorhouse's classes only.*)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS1 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.*)
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Christmas Service 10.30am St John's Church
- Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.***

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

The Bourne Methodist Church invited pupils from Year 5 to decorate a Christmas tree, to promote Five Ways School, as part of the 'Christmas Tree Festival'. A representative from each of the Year 5 classes, helped decorate a tree at the church, in preparation for the festival that takes place between Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All pupils are invited to attend the festival, with their families, to view the decorated trees and vote for their favourite. The church will be open during these times:

7<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00am - 3.00pm

8<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00am - 3.00pm

9<sup>th</sup> December - 12.00 - 3.00pm.

Mince pies and other refreshments will be served during these times and entry is free to all visitors.



### **Christmas Craft and Gift Fayre – THIS SATURDAY!**

The Five Ways PTFA Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre is being held tomorrow, 2.00pm – 5.00pm in the KS1 Hall. There will be a fantastic range of stalls selling some great gift ideas. Homemade jams and chutneys, knitted items, handmade soaps and jewellery will all be available to browse as well as a florist, photographer and body shop consultant. This is a great way to purchase some great gifts for Christmas as well as obtaining a bargain or two at the same time! The fayre was busy last year and once again, there will be a craft table to keep the little ones busy. There will be refreshments on sale as well as a raffle, where prizes have been donated by the stall holders. We hope to see you there!



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