

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

8th February 2019

Attendance

As we have entered February, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of January. The percentage attendance for the whole school for January was 95.53%. Congratulations to Year 6 with the highest monthly attendance of 97.4% and to Mrs Lindsay's class in Year 5 with a fantastic attendance of 98.7%. Well done everyone!

Reception	93.7%
Y1	94.4%
Y2	93.8%
Y3	96.5%
Y4	95.6%
Y5	96.7%
Y6	97.4%



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 6 who were the winners for the month of January. Enjoy your extra playtime!

We want to work in partnership with parents to ensure every child's attendance figure is at least 95%. From looking at our attendance records it is evident that some pupils' low attendance level is due to days off during the term for holiday or illness. In addition, lateness to school is also monitored very closely and also affects a child's attendance figure. If you require support ensuring your child attends school regularly and is punctual, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classteacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, who can help to sort out problems, offer advice and seek support from outside agencies.

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

11th February 2019 – Menu week 1.

W/B 11th February - Parent/Teacher Consultations **Year 6 Parents only** (After School Appointments)

11th February – Year 1 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (Invited parents only.)

11th – February – Year 4 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (Invited parents only.)

12th February – Reception Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (Invited parents only.)

12th – February – Year 6 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (Invited parents only.)

12th February – PTFA Meeting 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom

13th February – Reception **Non-Uniform Day (In exchange for a chocolate donation or monetary donation – suggested amount £1, in preparation for Easter Bingo.**

For further dates, please see page 2.

Special Assemblies

Our half termly special assemblies will begin again next week. If your child has received a nomination, you will have received an invitation to the assembly. If you have received an invitation letter, please ensure you check the date, time and location of the assembly. Thank you.



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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 Janet Watson won last weekend's lottery. Well done Janet! Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Forthcoming Dates continued:

13th February – Year 5 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)
14th February – Year 2 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)
14th February – Reception Visit to Dudley Museum and Art Gallery (*Half of the year group.*)
14th – February – Year 3 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (*Invited parents only.*)
14th February – Year 6 Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm
15th February - School Closes for Half Term *Normal Times* (**Non-Uniform day in exchange for a chocolate donation or monetary donation – suggested amount £1, in preparation for Easter Bingo.**)
25th February - School Opens for Pupils
27th February – KS2 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6*)
5th March - KS1 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm (*Parents of children in Year 2*)
Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

Safety of Pupils before School

I would like to make parents aware of the fact that some KS2 pupils are being dropped off at school very early in the morning and left on the school playgrounds without supervision. Entrance doors to school do not open until 8.45am and pupils are required to be supervised by an adult until then. Some pupils are hanging around on the playgrounds and grassed areas, playing on the trim trail and taking part in football games before school, which puts them at risk of having disagreements with one another or getting hurt. It is very important that pupils are supervised by the adult who brings them to school until they have access to the school building at 8.45am when staff take over supervision. This way, we can all work together to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils who attend Five Ways. I would like to thank you for your co-operation regarding this matter.

Mobile Phones

I would like to take this opportunity to remind pupils that mobile phones should be kept in the bottom of school bags and placed on silent whilst on the school premises. Pupils are not permitted to access their phones before or after school whilst on the school premises, as there have been reports of inappropriate behaviour such as taking photographs of other pupils without their permission. I would like to politely request that parents support us with this decision and understand the reasons for it. Please take the time to remind your child about their conduct regarding their mobile phones. Thank you.

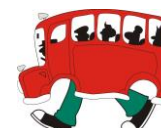
PTFA News!

Easter Chocolate Bingo – 5th April and Easter Egg Hunt - 12th April – Details of these events are being finalised, so please keep your eyes out for full details!

Friday 15th February is a non-uniform day in school in return for an Easter themed chocolate donation or monetary donation (suggested amount £1) for the Easter Bingo event. **Please note that Reception pupils will be holding their non-uniform day on Wednesday 13th February due to their visit to Dudley Museum and Art Gallery.**

Walking Bus

The Five Ways Walking Bus takes place every Monday and departs from Tesco's car park at 8.25am. I am pleased to announce that there are still places available on the Walking Bus. If you would like your child to join and take the stress out of the morning rush, more information can be obtained from the school office.



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