

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

13th September 2019

Attendance

As you will be aware, absence from school can be a concern and only by achieving high attendance will your children have the best chance to get the most from their education. The table below displays our expectations for attendance at school over a year which clearly shows that we aim for an attendance rate of higher than 96%.

96%+	95%+	Below 90%	Below 85%
Excellent	Good	Cause for Concern	Unacceptable (May involve a referral to Education Welfare.)

As you will be aware the government no longer permits holiday during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is important that parents realise that under the new Staffordshire Local Authority Code of Conduct, penalty notices and fines will be issued regarding any holiday taken during term time, unless it is authorised by the Headteacher on the grounds of exceptional circumstances. Please follow the links below to our website where a copy of our Attendance Policy and the Staffordshire Local Authority Code of Conduct can be located for further guidance regarding time off during term time. <http://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/attachments/article/20/Attendance%20Policy%20January%202018.pdf> <http://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/attachments/article/20/Code-of-Conduct-Sept-17-Final-Version.pdf>

In terms of absence related to illness, obviously we would not ask for a child to be brought to school if they were ill, but a low attendance figure due to illness could still be investigated by the Educational Welfare Service if the attendance figure does not improve.

In addition and as part of our routine register checks, lateness to school is also monitored very closely and affects a child's attendance figure. Poor levels of punctuality at school can not only affect academic progress but can also have a significant impact on the social development of your child and their self-esteem and confidence. I must therefore inform parents that under the Staffordshire Local Authority Code of Conduct, incidences of lateness may result in a penalty warning notice being received and also a potential fine if your child's punctuality levels do not improve.

Obviously, we want to work in partnership with parents to ensure every child's attendance figure is at least 95%. If you have any concerns about getting your child to school or their punctuality record, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classteacher or to make an appointment to come and speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

16th September 2019 – Menu week 3.

16th September – Year 5 Pupils to Laches Wood – Taster Day (*Mrs Langston's class and Group 1 from Miss Kershaw's class only.*)

17th September - PTFA Welcome / Coffee Evening – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All Parents Welcome*)

23rd September – Year 5 Pupils to Laches Wood – Taster Day (*Miss Lane's class and Group 2 from Miss Kershaw's class only.*)

27th September – PTFA Flip and Dippy Clown Show 6.30pm (*Ticket holders only.*)

3rd October – Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents and Pupils 2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm (*More details to follow.*)

4th October – Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers

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

Aldi's Kit For Schools

I am pleased to inform you that we are collecting stickers from Aldi so that we are in with a chance of winning £20,000 and receiving an exclusive school sports kit! Please send any stickers received from Aldi to the school office, and Mrs Marsh will ensure they are displayed in the KS2 Hall on our school poster. Thank you.

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Volunteers Within School

We always endeavour to work in close partnership with families and volunteers so that our pupils receive the best possible provision and support available. You may be aware that we run our 'Reading Mentor' scheme with trained volunteer parents and carers hearing children read in school. We would be interested in hearing from anyone who might be interested in becoming a 'Reading Mentor' or from anyone who is interested in supporting pupils generally within classrooms for instance, you may be willing to support with running an extra-curricular club during a lunchtime or after school, e.g. a gardening club.

If you are able to volunteer a little time for these purposes, please leave your contact details at the school office and I will arrange for a member of staff to contact you. Thank you.



Sporting Achievements

At Five Ways, we understand the importance of developing the talents of all children whether in the arts, in sport or academically; we believe that every child should have the chance to shine and be rewarded for their talents. To celebrate our pupils' successes, we have a display board in the entrance corridor at Five Ways, which shows all the tremendous sporting achievements of our pupils. If your child attends a sporting club outside of school and has achieved something of which we can all be proud, please send a certificate, photograph or explanation of your child's achievement into school. We will then display it with all our other superb sporting achievements.

Well done everyone!



PTFA News!

PTFA 'Welcome Meeting' – To be held on Tuesday 17th September at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom. Everyone is welcome! This is a perfect opportunity to meet the PTFA team and find out more about what they do and how you can get involved.

PTFA AGM – The AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom. Again, everyone is welcome! At this meeting, the new committee will be voted in for 2019 – 2020.

Flip and Dippy Clown Show – Friday 27th September -
We are pleased to welcome the clowns Flip and Dippy to Five Ways once again, for an evening of fun and laughter for the children. Please see the letter sent home last week for more details. Ticket numbers are limited, so please return your form to the office asap.

Five Ways Lottery – We are pleased to announce that Laura Beale won last weekend's lotteries. Well done to Laura! 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



Snack Time

As in previous years, all pupils in EY and KS1 will be provided with a healthy snack and drink each day. We ask for an annual contribution of £39 per child to allow the snack system to continue. We kindly request that payments are received via your Parent Pay account. Payments can be made termly (£15, £12, £12) or yearly (£39), at the beginning of the academic year.

Please note that KS2 pupils should bring a healthy snack from home for break times if they wish, such as fresh fruit, dried fruit, cereal bars or baked crisps. A more detailed list of suggested 'healthy snacks' can be found on page 9

of your child's KS2 Home-Link book.

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