

# Newsletter



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20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Parental Workshops

At Five Ways, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to enable all pupils to reach their full potential, both academically and socially. For this reason, each year team will be delivering workshops that will support you when working with your child at home. The workshops will give you practical ideas of activities you can undertake with your child to compliment the work they are covering in school. This way, we can all work together to improve outcomes for your children so that they achieve highly. The workshops are listed below for your reference however, more details will be sent home to you via a letter from your child's Year Leader.

Year Group	Focus	Date	Times
Reception and Nursery	Literacy	10 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00pm / 6.00pm
Year 1	Phonics	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	2.00pm / 6.00pm
Year 1	Mathematics	14 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00pm / 6.00pm
Year 2	Mathematics	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3.30pm / 6.00pm
Year 3	Mathematics	21 <sup>st</sup> October	1.45pm / 6.00pm
Year 4	Mathematics	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	2.00pm / 6.00pm
Year 5	Mathematics	13 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00pm / 6.00pm
Year 6	A CGP Workshop has already taken place on 11 <sup>th</sup> September. Next workshop scheduled for 26 <sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm, to share KS2 SATS expectations and advice to parents regarding ways to support your child.		

*In the meantime, please remember we are here to help; please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classteacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attainment.*



## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning

### 23rd September 2019 – Menu week 1.

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

27<sup>th</sup> September – PTFA Flip and Dippy Clown Show 6.30pm (*Ticket holders only.*) KS2 Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents and Pupils 2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks - NHS

4<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers

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

## NHS Height and Weight Checks

Pupils in Reception and Year 6 have been sent home today with an important pack regarding height and weight checks, which form part of the National Child Measurement Programme. If you do not want your child to take part in the programme, please complete the **opt out** form contained within the pack and return it to the school office by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the latest. The height and weight checks will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

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## Parents' Evening



Parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October with Parents' Evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. To provide a more efficient service, we have changed the way in which you can make an appointment to see your child's classteacher. I am pleased to inform you that you will now be able to book your appointment online. You will be sent a link to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to the online booking system to select a time convenient for you.

Please follow these simple steps to book your appointment:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next, you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside the teacher that you need to book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
5. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before Parents' Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

The new online booking service will be available to access from **9.00am on Thursday 26th September** until **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm**. If you do not have internet access, it is still possible to make an appointment through the school office; please ring and discuss this with a member of the office staff who will book an appointment for you. If you wish to update your email address or mobile telephone number, please contact the school office.

I am sure you will agree that the online booking service will prove to be a far more effective way to arrange a Parent Consultation appointment with your child's classteacher. However, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you do experience any problems with this service.

## Young Minds

I am pleased to inform you that as a school, we are going to support an additional fundraising initiative this year called 'YoungMinds'. The charity endeavors to ensure children receive mental health support and enables them to develop the resilience to overcome life's difficulties. On 10th October, it is World Mental Health Day and YoungMinds are carrying out fundraising activities in schools to recognise this. Their campaign this year is called 'Hello Yellow'. Therefore, on 10th October, all children will be asked to wear an item of yellow clothing to school in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of yellow socks, a yellow hairband or any other yellow item. In addition, pupils will spend a lesson during this day taking part in activities to raise their awareness of mental health issues in a child friendly way.



## PTFA News!

**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** - Please see the letter already sent home for more details. Ticket numbers are limited, so please return your form to the office asap.

**Five Ways Lottery** – 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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