

Newsletter



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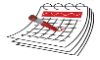
New School Website!

As a school that is always striving to develop ways of improving communication with parents and the local community, I am pleased to share with you our new school website which has been developed following feedback from the Parents' Forum and other stakeholders invested in Five Ways. I am sure that as parents, you will feel very proud of our new website and enjoy exploring all of the information contained within it. Additional facilities have been added to the 'Home' page which include, videos and updated photographs, a calendar with important dates highlighted, links to our school values and special achievements and events. There are also links at the bottom of the home page to websites enabling parents to seek support if you are worried about issues concerning online conduct.

Icons at the top of the home page enable parents to navigate to different pages of information which are of interest. An area that parents will find extremely useful is the 'Information for Parents' section. Following direct feedback from the Parents' Forum, you will be pleased to know that all recent presentation slides from parental workshops and 'Welcome' meetings have been uploaded into this area, so that they can be accessed by parents who were unable to attend or by parents who would like to revisit the information shared during the presentations. My weekly newsletters can also be located in the 'Information for Parents' section, enabling you to look back and refer to previous news. Further information about our Forest School and other things that may be of interest to you can be found in this section, along with direct links to useful websites that can support learning at home.

Please take the time over the weekend to explore our new website and look at all of the useful information available to you and your child. I am sure that you will agree that the website really does provide anyone who views the site, an understanding of the sense of pride that we have in our school and the values that underpin Five Ways. I also feel that the information, videos and photographs displayed on our new website really do publicise the vast amount of opportunities available to our pupils to enable them to excel both academically and socially. The link to our website is as follows: <https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/>

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 30th September 2019 – Menu week 2.

27th September – PTFA Flip and Dippy Clown Show 6.30pm (*Ticket holders only.*) KS2 Hall
3rd October – Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents and Pupils 2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm
3rd October – Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks – NHS
3rd October – Italian Themed Menu
4th October – Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers
8th October - PTFA AGM – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom
10th October – Young Minds – Hello Yellow. All pupils are encouraged to wear an item of yellow clothing to school in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1).

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

Special Menu We are holding the first of our special theme days on Thursday 3rd October, when there will be a special Italian menu on offer. This will comprise of pepperoni pizza, pasta and assorted flavours of ice cream amongst other delicious options. Please see the menus which will be placed around school for the choices, as the selections on the original menus will not be available on this day. Why not allow your child to join us for a school meal on this day to try the food for themselves?

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Walk to School Month

Every October is International Walk to School Month which provides an opportunity for children to join hundreds of thousands of pupils across the globe, celebrating the walk to school. Staffordshire County Council support this campaign and as a school, we too, want to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage more pupils to walk to school. For this reason, we would like families to actively participate in Walk to School Month by leaving their car at home or by parking further away from the school so that more pupils have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of walking.



During the month of October, each class will be building some time into their normal week to enjoy walking around the school grounds. At the end of the month, pupils will receive a certificate for trying to improve their health by walking to school, walking whilst at school and for encouraging their families to walk at the weekends.



Please remember that in addition to all of the above opportunities to build in more walking, there are still places available on our 'Walking Bus' which departs from Tescos at 8.25am each Monday; please contact the school office for further details.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I would like to inform you that we will shortly have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body at Five Ways. If you would be interested in becoming a Parent Governor and would like to have an impact upon school development, please collect an information pack from the office. Packs will be available for collection from Monday 30th September. Applications for this position need to be received by 4.00pm on Friday 7th October. Thank you.



NHS Height and Weight Checks

This is a reminder that pupils in Reception and Year 6 will be taking part in 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 ensure you complete the **opt out** form contained within the pack and return it to the school office by Monday 30th September at the latest. The height and weight checks will take place on Thursday 3rd October.



Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are due to be included in the Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme conducted by the NHS. Vaccinations will be carried out at school on Monday 21st October. This vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. Your child has been sent home today with an envelope containing further information and a consent form. If you would like your child to receive the Flu vaccination, please complete and return the consent form to school by 4th October; this allows the school nurses to collate the information and make the necessary arrangements. If you do not wish your child to have the vaccination, please do **NOT** return the consent form. Thank you.

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Parents' Evening



This is a reminder that parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 14th October with Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th October. To provide a more efficient service, you will be aware that 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 should have been 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 is available to access now until **Thursday 10th 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.

Initial feedback from parents about the new online booking service has been very positive however, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you do experience any problems with this service.

Year 6 Young Apprentice Challenge Day

I would like to congratulate all Year 6 pupils for their participation in the Young Apprentice Challenge Day, held at Norton Canes High School this week. Pupils worked in teams to take part in a competition between other primary schools. Each team were given time to devise a business plan for their given venture. All teams presented their business plan to a panel of business people, demonstrating teamwork, communication skills and business acumen. We are delighted to celebrate that it was a team from Five Ways for the second year running, that won the trophy for delivering the best 'pitch' to the panel of judges. The winning team were presented with the following trophy that will be displayed with pride in school. Well done everyone!

The winning team were made up of: Thomas Grimsley, James Adams, Lewis Graham, Nicholas Spriggs, Ollie Shuter, Jack Turner-Jones, Ethan Hodgetts and Christian Perry. Congratulations to all of you!



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.

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

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