

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Attendance

As it is now October, I am able to provide you with the first monthly attendance report of the academic year. The percentage attendance for the whole school for September was 96.7%. Congratulations to Year 1 with the highest monthly attendance of 97.6% and to Miss Owen's class in Reception, with a fantastic attendance of 99%. Well done everyone!

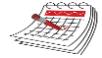
Reception	96.3%
Y1	97.6%
Y2	94.1%
Y3	97.1%
Y4	97.3%
Y5	97.1%
Y6	97.4%



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 1 who were the winning year group in September. 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 7th October 2019 – Menu week 3.

8<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA AGM – 7.15pm  
KS1 Staffroom

10<sup>th</sup> 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).

10<sup>th</sup> October – Nursery and Reception Literacy Workshop for Parents 2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm

W/B 14<sup>th</sup> October - Parent/Teacher Consultations. (*After School Appointments.*)

17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)

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

## Harvest

Pupils at Five Ways learn about Harvest Festivals and the positive impact they can have upon caring for others that live in our community. For this reason, I would like to ask families to support our annual Harvest Fundraising Campaign by donating food that will be distributed to the local community by Pastor John Tyrell and his volunteers. Suitable items to donate include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta/rice pots and pasta sauces etc. All donations will be displayed in our Art Gallery for pupils to see before being passed to Mr Tyrell to distribute. Please send any donations into school with your child by 24<sup>th</sup> October and their classteacher will arrange for them to be sent to the gallery to be displayed. Any donations will be much appreciated and will really make a big difference to local people in need. Thank you for your support.



## School Closure

We have been informed that Five Ways will be required for use as a Polling Station for the Police and Crime Commissioner and District Council Elections on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Therefore, this is advanced notice that school will be **CLOSED** for all pupils on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. On behalf of the school, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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## Walk to School Month

This is a reminder that the month of October is Walk to School Month. We would like families to actively participate 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. Please remember that 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.



## Parents' Evening

This is a reminder that 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 make an appointment to see your child's classteacher, please follow the link that should have been sent to your mobile phone or email address and select a time convenient for you. This service is available to access now until **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm**. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you do experience any problems with the booking service.



**Young Minds** This is a reminder that on 10<sup>th</sup> October, it is World Mental Health Day and we will be supporting the work of YoungMinds. Their campaign this year is called 'Hello Yellow'. Therefore, on 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## No Bikes or Scooters Permitted

I would like to clarify with parents that pupils are not permitted to park their bikes or scooters on the school premises for safe keeping. This is because we have been advised by the Health and Safety Officer from Staffordshire County Council, that we should not encourage pupils to ride a bike or scooter to and from school. After considering the risks, it is felt that the high volume of traffic present at drop off and collection times around school poses too many dangers to pupils using bikes or scooters. Therefore, please support us in following this guidance and helping to keep our pupils safe.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

This is a reminder 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. Applications for this position need to be received by 4.00pm on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.



## PTFA News!

**PTFA AGM** – The AGM will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Please see additional information sent home today.

**Five Ways Lottery** – We are pleased to announce that Charlotte Mulliss won last weekend's lotteries. Well done to Charlotte! 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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school)

**Flip and Dippy Clown Show** – Thank you to all those who attended; I am pleased to announce that £379.70 was raised due to this event!

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