

Newsletter



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11th October 2019

PTFA AGM



The PTFA AGM took place this week at which the new committee was formed. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Christie Gray has been re-elected as our chairperson and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with her to carry on the outstanding work of the PTFA. Other committee members include Mrs Kim Cole as vice chairperson, Miss Tara Harvey as treasurer and Mrs Kerry Howard as secretary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PTFA for all of their hard work and commitment to Five Ways during the past year.

I am also pleased to announce that due to the dedication of PTFA members and the generosity of everyone who has been kind enough to support the PTFA events, £13,336.16 was raised during the course of last year. This represents a fantastic amount of money; it confirms how dedicated the PTFA members are, as well as how kind and supportive members of the Five Ways community have been.

Fundraising by the PTFA is instrumental to the school because money that is raised enables us to buy things that will benefit the children which we could not otherwise afford. Funds from last year were used to purchase My Maths and Times Table Rockstars which are online maths programmes supporting learning at home. All Year 5 pupils participated in First Aid training which was funded by the PTFA. Our 3 Enrichment days were also funded by the PTFA, as it enabled year groups to book authors during World Book day or Japanese drumming workshops during International day. Funding was also used to purchase additional equipment for our new Forest School area along with bookmark prizes and gold badges for behaviour, as well as 2 defibrillators that are located in school. The remaining funds are due to be spent on additional home reading books which will really enhance the quality of reading material that all children will have access to.

On behalf of the governors and staff at Five Ways, I would like to thank everyone involved with the PTFA in terms of organising and helping at events as well as everyone who has supported the events. Without your kindness, we would not have been able to purchase the wonderful resources detailed above.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 14th October 2019 – Menu week 1.

- W/B 14th October - Parent/Teacher Consultations. (*After School Appointments.*)
 - 17th October – Year 2 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)
 - 17th October – Year 6 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (*Invited parents only.*)
 - 17th October - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments 6.00pm – 8.30pm
 - 18th October - Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers
 - 21st October – Reception to Year 6 Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme
 - 21st October – Reception Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)
 - 21st October – Year 3 Numeracy Workshop for Parents and Pupils 1.45pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.15pm
 - 21st October – Year 4 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 2.30pm (*Invited parents only.*)
 - 22nd October – Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability (*Please see details from Mrs Tandy.*)
 - 22nd October – Year 3 Special Assembly KS2 Hall 9.15am (*Invited parents only.*)
- Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.*

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Harvest

Thank you to all those families who have already shown their support towards our Harvest Fundraising Campaign by donating food that will be distributed to the local community by Pastor John Tyrell. Suitable items to donate include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta/rice pots and pasta sauces etc. All donations are on display in the KS1 Library / Art Gallery for pupils and parents to see! If you would like to contribute to the collection, please send any donations into school with your child by 24th October and their classteacher will arrange for them to be sent to the library to be displayed. Thank you for your support.



Parents' Evening

This is a reminder that parent consultations take place next week with Parents' Evening on Thursday 17th October. Please contact the school office if you have not already made your appointment to see your child's classteacher and our office staff will be happy to make an appointment for you.



Young Minds

Yesterday was 'Hello Yellow' day in support of Young Minds and National Mental Health day. It was lovely seeing pupils dressed in yellow items of clothing and showing their support for the work of the charity. £386.30 was raised which is wonderful! Thank you for your continued generosity.



Workshops

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the Year 1 phonic workshop or the Early Years Literacy workshop that took place recently. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Buchan and Mrs Young as the Year Leaders delivering the workshops, and the Year 1 team and Early Years team for helping to prepare the workshops. Workshops related to other year groups are scheduled and dates have been communicated previously however, letters from your child's Year Leader will be sent home with further details nearer the time.



PTFA News!

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

Christmas Bingo - The very popular Christmas Bingo is scheduled for Friday 22nd November 2019. There will be more information on tickets sales coming shortly. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please get in touch via ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com Thank you.

Holiday Club!

This is a reminder that JC Academy will be providing a holiday club for pupils during October half term. There are still some places available! For further information or to book your child a place, please follow the link: www.jcacademy.co.uk

You can also view their promotional video to gain a flavour of the provision provided. Please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/QxmDLwhCJMI>



Special Assemblies

Our half termly special assemblies will begin next week which provide the opportunity for pupils to share their achievements with each other and their families. If your child has received a nomination, you will have received an invitation to the assembly. I hope to see many of you there. Please note that some of the assemblies are taking place at 2.30pm in the afternoon. If you have received an invitation letter, please ensure you check the date and time of the assembly. Thank you.

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