

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

8th November 2019

Welcome Back!

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break with your families and are looking forward to the many activities that we have planned before Christmas. These include taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, supporting Children in Need, conducting our first enrichment day of this academic year, entitled International Day and of course, watching pupils in their Christmas performances! This is just a taste of some of the wonderful activities that your children will be involved in during the next half term at Five Ways.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 11th November 2019 – Menu week 1.

W/B 11th November - Anti-Bullying Week

11th November – New Reception Classes - September 2020 – After School Drop-In Session 4.30pm – 5.30pm

12th November – PTFA Meeting KS1 Staffroom 7.15pm (*All Welcome!*)

13th November – Year 5 Maths Workshop for Parents and Pupils 2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm

14th November – Year 1 Maths Workshop for Parents and Pupils 2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm

15th November - Children in Need Day (*Pupils are able to wear 1 item of spotty clothing in return for a donation to the charity, suggested amount £1.*)

16th November – St John's Church Autumn Fair and Craft Market 10.00am – 2.00pm (*All welcome!*)

22nd November – PTFA Christmas Bingo (*Ticket holders only.*)

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

Children in Need

As you may be aware, it is Children in Need day next Friday 15th November. To enable pupils to understand the purpose of the event and to join in the fundraising, pupils are able to wear 1 item of spotty clothing on this day in return for a donation to the charity (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of spotty socks, a spotty hairband or any other spotty item. In addition, pupils will spend a lesson during this day learning about the work of the charity and the worthy causes it supports.



Anti-Bullying Week

As you may be aware, next week it is National Anti-Bullying Week and pupils across the school will be taking part in activities to support this campaign. The theme this year is 'Change starts with us!' Pupils will be involved in discussions about the fact that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.



Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Alec Christie won last weekend's lotteries. Well done to Alec! Tickets can be bought by following the link:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Autumn Fair and Craft Market

I would like to make you aware that St John's Church has an Autumn Fair and Craft Market taking place on Saturday 16th November from 10.00am – 2.00pm. There will be a variety of stalls available, including stalls for children. Hot food, drinks and cakes will also be available. All welcome!

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Attendance

As it is now November, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of October. The percentage attendance for the whole school for October was 96.3%. Congratulations to Year 4 with the highest monthly attendance of 98.1% and to Miss Lane's class in Year 5, with a fantastic attendance of 98.6%. Well done everyone!

Reception	96%
Y1	95.3%
Y2	95.8%
Y3	95.9%
Y4	98.1%
Y5	97.5%
Y6	95.6%



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 4 who were the winning year group in October. 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.

Change of Day for the Walking Bus Please be aware that there are still places available on our Walking Bus, which now departs from Tesco's car park at 8:25am each Friday morning. Trained parent volunteers 'drive' the bus to school which provides a great opportunity for pupils to walk to school with friends and for parents to drop children off earlier than normal. If you would like your child to join our Walking Bus or if you or someone you know would like to volunteer to help 'drive' the bus, please contact the school office for more information.

Additional School Closure

This week, we have received notification that Five Ways will be required for use as a Polling Station for the UK Parliamentary General Election on Thursday 12th December 2019. Therefore, this is advanced notice that school will be **CLOSED** for all pupils on **Thursday 12th December 2019**. The Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas productions scheduled for this day will be rearranged and a new date communicated asap. On behalf of the school, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Football News!

I am pleased to inform you that our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team took part in a match against St Peter's on 18th October. Mr Redpath wrote, 'With a number of players making their sporting debuts for Five Ways, this proved to be a challenging match against another of our local primary schools. We lost the match 0 – 2, but there has been excellent attendance at the lunchtime practices. This has resulted in a large squad to choose from and strength in depth when it comes to selecting players for the matches that lie ahead in the season.' Well done everyone!



The girls' team was as follows: Daisy Hodgkins, Aiyarin Kharamart, Bella Rouse, Isobel Ashby, Millie-Mae Buttrick, Caitlin Green, Danielle Owen, Evie Tranter, Ariana Sandhu-Whitton.

In addition, our Year 5/6 Boys' Football Team took part in the Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership Competition at Rugeley Leisure Centre on 24th October. Mr Redpath wrote, 'Our Year 5/6 boys' football team kicked off their season in a very difficult qualifying group at the district competition. A tight pitch and 10 minute matches saw our team record the following results; vs St Peter's 0 – 0, vs Henry Chadwick 1 – 1, vs St Luke's 2 – 2 and vs Redhill 5 – 0. Well done to Harry Peace who top scored with 3 goals. The team can now look forward to a second round county cup match against Codsall Middle School.'



The boys' team was as follows: Reece Payne, Alfie Van Hagen, Caiden Sahota, Max Haslam, Joel Florey, Harry Peace, Austin Morgan, and Ethan Hodgetts. Well done everyone!

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