

# Newsletter



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15th November 2019

## OFSTED Inspection

I would like to thank everyone for the kind words and best wishes received this week, when Five Ways was inspected. A sense of pride and confidence in the school's ability was very evident from comments and conversations that took place over the 2 days. Pupils conducted themselves in a very polite and respectful way when speaking to the inspectors and their behaviour was exemplary. I felt extremely proud of our school and the strong sense of community spirit that was evident to the inspectors. I have been informed that our Ofsted report will be available in approximately 4 weeks and you will all be sent a copy. However, I would like to confirm that as a school, we are very pleased, and look forward to sharing the report with you when we receive it.

**Children in Need** Today was Children in Need day; it was lovely seeing pupils dressed in spotty items of clothing! Pudsey even made a visit to each classroom and collected any donations to the charity. I will inform you of how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.



**Anti-Bullying Week** As you are aware, this week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and pupils across the school have taken part in activities to support this campaign. The theme this year has been 'Change starts with us!' The goal of the campaign this year was to emphasise to schools, children and parents, that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying by sending a positive message addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying *CHANGE STARTS WITH US!* I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all staff at Five Ways are committed to ensuring your child is happy at school and does not experience any incidences of bullying, so please do not hesitate to speak to one of us if you do experience any concerns. Thank you.

## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Menu week 2.

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

19<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Meeting KS1 Staffroom 7.15pm (*All Welcome!*)

22<sup>nd</sup> November – PTFA Christmas Bingo (*Ticket holders only.*)

29<sup>th</sup> November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

29<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Forum Meeting 9.15am (*More details to follow*)

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Nursery visit to Birches Valley

4<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Maths Workshop for Parents and Pupils 2.00pm – 3.00pm / 6.00pm - 7.00pm

4<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

5<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

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

## Year 5 Maths Workshop

The above workshop has been rearranged for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm – 3.00pm and 6.00pm – 7.00pm. A new letter with further details will be sent home shortly. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience cause, due to the fact that the original workshop was postponed.

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## Christmas Productions

We are once again approaching the Christmas season and our pupils and staff are beginning to think about their fabulous Christmas performances. Please find below a list of dates and times for each year groups performance.



***(Please note the change of date for the Year 5 morning performance and the afternoon performance for Mrs Lindsay's and Mr Doughty's classes in Year 6.)*** Year Leaders will contact you regarding specific details closer to the time if they have not done so already. I look forward to sharing the performances with you.

Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Reception	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 1	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 2	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm (A - J surnames please.) Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am (K - Z surnames please.)	KS1 School Hall
Year 3	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am	St. John's Church
Year 4	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm	St. John's Church
Year 5	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am <b><i>(Please note that this is a rearranged date, as school is now closed due to an additional Polling Day on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.)</i></b> Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	KS1 School Hall
Year 6	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am and Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm - <b><i>Mrs Tandy's &amp; Miss Myatt's classes only.</i></b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 10.00am and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm - <b><i>Mrs Lindsay's &amp; Mr Doughty's classes only. (Please note that this is a rearranged date, as school is now closed due to an additional Polling Day on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.)</i></b>	KS1 School Hall

**Special Assemblies**      ***Please note that there will be no Special Assemblies taking place at the end of this half term. This is due to the fact that all parents have been invited to watch their child take part in the above performances at this special time of year. Special Assemblies will begin again just before the February half term and invited parents will receive individual letters detailing dates and times.***

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### Additional School Closure

This is a reminder 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**. On behalf of the school, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Miss Jones, our Assistant Headteacher at Five Ways, won last weekend's lotteries. Well done to Miss Jones! 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)

**Be Bright Be Seen!** I would like to make you aware that November is 'Be Bright Be Seen' month. In school, we have been talking to the children about the importance of 'Being Bright and Being Seen' when they are out and about near roads, particularly at this time of year. We have asked the children to remember:

**BE BRIGHT** – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

**REFLECTIVE** – When it is dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

**IMPROVE** – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

**GREEN CROSS CODE** – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

**HEADLIGHTS** – if you like to cycle, it is the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It is good to fit spoke reflectors too.



### Football News!

I am proud to report that our Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team took part in a Level 2 competition at Rugeley Leisure Centre on 7th November. Mr Redpath wrote, 'After the disappointment of their first round county cup loss to St Peter's, our Year 5/6 girls' football team roared back in emphatic style at the district qualifying competition at Rugeley. Vengeance was sweet as we swept aside St Peter's 4 – 0, and drew 0 – 0 with perennial rivals St Luke's. Special mention to team captain Indi Maguire who scored a hat-trick.'

Following this competition, the team took part in the district finals on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Mr Redpath wrote, 'In a closely fought district finals competition, our team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Considering there are approximately 35 primary schools that make up the Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership, this was another excellent performance to get our sporting calendar well and truly underway. The team suffered a narrow 1 – 0 defeat to Jerome Primary, but consolidated 3<sup>rd</sup> position with a 0 – 0 draw against Pye Green.' Well done to everyone who took part; you performed very well!



The team were as follows: Daisy Hodgkins, Aiyarin Kharamart, Sophie Hassall, Millie-Mae Buttrick, Caitlin Green, Danielle Owen, Evie Tranter, Indi Maguire (Captain). Tegan Anderson was also part of the team but sadly was poorly for the district finals. Congratulations to all of you!

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