

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

22nd November 2019

International Day

On Friday 29th November pupils will be taking part in our first Enrichment Day of this academic year. The day will be entitled 'International Day' and each year group will focus upon a specific country to learn about. Pupils will discover facts about their chosen country including typical foods, traditions and the culture. I look forward to sharing lots of photographs with you showing how much fun was had during the day. The countries being studied are as follows: Nursery: France, Reception: Italy, Year 1: India, Year 2: Japan, Year 3: China, Year 4: Greece, Year 5: Mexico, Year 6: Brazil.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 25th November 2019 – Menu week 3.

29th November - Enrichment Day - International Day

29th November - Parents' Forum Meeting 9.15am

3rd December – Nursery visit to Birches Valley

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

4th December - Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

5th December - Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

6th December – Members of the KS2 Choir Performing at Lichfield Cathedral (Further details from Mr McFarlane)

9th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

9th December - Year 2 Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall
(A - J surnames only.)

10th December - Year 2 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall
(K - Z surnames only.)

10th December - Year 1 Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall

11th December - Year 1 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall

11th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

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

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need collection last week and to Nursery who have Children in Need as their year group charity. Nursery raised £82.50 through their cake sale and as a whole school, we managed to raise £594.20. Well done everyone!



Parking It is with regret that I am having to inform you that I have received a complaint from a local resident about parents from Five Ways. It has been brought to my attention that cars are being parked inconsiderately around school, particularly around Sweetbriar Way. In addition, Mr Painting, who is one of our Site Technicians at Five Ways, has reported that he has been verbally abused by adults that he has challenged when they have parked inconsiderately by our school gates or on our yellow box area in front of our school gates. Inconsiderate parking and abuse of school staff will not be tolerated and registration numbers will be passed to the police. Please help us to keep our local residents happy and our pupils safe by parking safely and legally.



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Christmas Productions

Please find below a list of dates and times for each year groups Christmas 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 th December 2.15pm Thursday 5 th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 1	Tuesday 10 th December 2.15pm Wednesday 11 th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 2	Monday 9 th December 2.15pm (A - J surnames please.) Tuesday 10 th December 10.00am (K - Z surnames please.)	KS1 School Hall
Year 3	Tuesday 17 th December 1.45pm Wednesday 18 th December 10.30am	St. John's Church
Year 4	Tuesday 17 th December 10.30am Wednesday 18 th December 1.45pm	St. John's Church
Year 5	Monday 9 th December 10.00am <i>(Please note that this is a rearranged date, as school is now closed due to an additional Polling Day on 12th December. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.)</i> Wednesday 11 th December 2.15pm	KS1 School Hall
Year 6	Friday 13 th December 10.00am and Monday 16 th December 2.15pm - <i>Mrs Tandy's & Miss Myatt's classes only.</i> Monday 16 th December 10.00am and Thursday 19 th December 2.15pm - <i>Mrs Lindsay's & 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 12th December. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.)</i>	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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PTFA Christmas Parties

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the dates for the Christmas parties planned for children that will be taking place at the end of this term. The PTFA have sent out letters today with more information regarding the parties. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 18th December 2019

Year 1: 4.00pm - 4.45pm KS2 Hall

Year 2: 5.00pm - 5.45pm KS2 Hall

Year 3 and Year 4: 6.15pm - 7.15pm KS2 Hall

Year 5 and Year 6: 7.30pm - 8.30pm KS2 Hall



Thursday 19th December 2019

Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) - taking place during the school day.

Bad Weather Procedures



As we move towards colder weather, please note the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary. In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link: <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/>

PTFA News!



Christmas Bingo - The very popular Christmas Bingo is taking place tonight! (*Ticket holders only.*)

Five Ways Lottery We are pleased to announce that Melanie Bicknell won last weekend's lotteries. Well done to Melanie! Tickets can be bought by following the link: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Help Wanted! Heath Hayes Library is looking to recruit some more volunteers to help with the day to day running of the library. The role includes checking in and out books for library users, shelving and tidying the books, and dealing with general enquiries. No previous experience is needed to do this role, just an enthusiasm for books and helping people. Ongoing training and support is given to all volunteers. You can learn a range of new skills, meet new people and play a **vital role at the heart of your community.** Volunteering at the library could help you find work, find new interests or just find an enjoyable way to spend some of your free time. If you are interested please contact Ian Burley on ian.burley@staffordshire.gov.uk or 01827 782130.

Anti-Idling Campaign

As you are aware, we are working very closely with our Travel Advisor to create healthier lifestyles for our pupils. Our most recent project is to reduce pollution around school. We are monitoring pollution levels around school every month with diffusion tubes and the results are analysed. With this in mind, we need your help to reduce pollution around school for our pupils. One way you can help us with this is to switch off your engines when dropping off or picking up your children from school. Leaving your engine running (idling) is the main source of air pollution around the school; every minute, idling cars pump about 150 balloons worth of very harmful pollutants into the air we breathe. If everyone switched off their engines and refrained from idling, air pollution around school would fall by a huge 30%. Please support us by making our environment a healthier place to live and let's work together to make a difference to the lives of children attending Five Ways!



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