

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

29th November 2019

International Day

Today, pupils took part in 'International Day' which was the first enrichment day of this academic year. Each year group focussed upon a specific country to learn about. Pupils discovered facts about their chosen country including typical foods, traditions and the culture. The following countries were chosen: Nursery: France, Reception: Italy, Year 1: India, Year 2: Japan, Year 3: China, Year 4: Greece, Year 5: Mexico and Year 6: Brazil. All pupils had a lovely time and learned a lot of important information, helping to promote diversity and celebrate differences. I look forward to sharing lots of photographs with you in next week's newsletter.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 2nd December 2019 – Menu week 1.

- 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
 - 12th December – School closed to pupils – INSET due to school being used as a Polling Station.
- Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.*

Trim Trail and Outdoor Gym Equipment

At Five Ways, we are privileged to have a trim trail and outdoor gym equipment on site. Please help us to ensure the safety of your children before and after school, by not allowing them to play on this equipment as it is not supervised by a trained adult at these times. Thank you.



Poppy Appeal 2019

I am pleased to announce that we raised £451.36 for The Royal British Legion in the recent poppy appeal that took place earlier this month. Thank you for your kind donations to such a worthy charity.



Year 1 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Day

We pride ourselves at Five Ways in that each year group supports a charity. We believe that this enables pupils to think about others that are not as fortunate as themselves. The chosen charity for Year 1 pupils this year is 'Save the Children'. In support of this charity, we are encouraging Year 1 pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Friday 13th December and to donate £1 towards the charity. Thank you in advance for any donations received.



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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/>

Christmas Memorial

Following the sad loss of one of our Early Years teachers, Miss Phillips, in June, we would like to pay special tribute to her memory by decorating the tree at the front of the school as a Christmas memorial. This area in school remains a special place for the school community after the loss of Miss Phillips as this is where flowers and messages of condolence were laid in her memory in June. For this reason, Christmas lights will be attached to the trunk of the tree and from Monday 2nd December, families will be asked to place Christmas memorial gifts around the base of the tree if they wish to do so, such as wreaths and flowers etc. Any Christmas memorial decorations that are brought into school will be attached to the lower branches of the tree by our site technicians; these decorations should be taken to the school office so that they can be kept safe until they are attached to the tree.

Of course, school still wants to establish a lasting memorial to Miss Phillips at Five Ways, and we are currently in discussion with Miss Phillips' family about how we can do this. As soon as any decisions have been made, I will communicate with parents as appropriate.

PTFA News!

Christmas Bingo – Thank you to everyone who supported this event, either as a volunteer or a visitor. The evening ran very smoothly and the amount raised will be announced shortly.

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



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