

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

20th December 2019

Christmas Productions

Well done to those pupils who completed their Christmas performances this week. They were all tremendous and a privilege to watch. Thank you to all those adults who were able to attend and support our pupils and thank you to the staff involved for preparing our pupils so well.



Merry Christmas!

I would like to congratulate all pupils on their achievements during the autumn term at Five Ways. I feel that as a school community, we have a lot to feel proud of and this was recognised by Ofsted in our recent inspection. I have been amazed with how hard pupils have been working during the term and have been very impressed with all pupils' positive attitudes to their learning. I am extremely proud when I show any visitors around Five Ways because our pupils conduct themselves in such a sensible and mature manner. I would like to thank all parents, staff and governors for their support and commitment this term and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2020. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when school re-opens on Monday 6th January. Well done everyone!

Merry Christmas


Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Ms Tolley won last weekend's lotteries. Well done!

Tickets can be bought by following the link:

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



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

6th January 2020 – Menu week 1.

20th December - School Closes for Christmas break

January 2020

6th January - School Opens for Staff and Pupils

14th January - Year 5 Theatre Trip (*The Rep, Birmingham – Peter Pan*)

16th January - Year 3 and Year 4 Theatre Trip (*The Rep, Birmingham – Peter Pan*)

24th January - Year 6 Theatre Trip (*The New Vic, Stoke – The Prince and the Pauper*)

24th January - Sponsor forms to be sent home (*More details to follow*)

W/B 3rd February - Sponsored Event (*More details to follow*)

7th February - Enrichment Day - Maths Day (*More details to follow*)

W/B 10th February - Parent/Teacher Consultations **Year 6 Parents only** (*After School Appointments*)

11th February – Safer Internet Day (*More details to follow*)

13th February - Year 6 Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments 6pm – 8.30pm

14th February - School Closes for Half Term *Normal Times (Non-Uniform day)*

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

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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/>

Books for Schools Tokens



This is a reminder that it is time to collect your Books for School tokens that are available from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday. Tokens are printed every day until Saturday 18th January 2020. We need to collect 3,500 tokens and then we will receive free books for our school in March. Please send any tokens to the school office. Thank you.

Charity Work

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, Year 1 pupils wore a Christmas jumper to school on Friday 13th December. I am pleased to announce that an incredible £70.50 was raised in support of Save the Children.

In addition, Year 2 pupils support the work of 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Miss Wright, who is our Year 2 Leader wrote, 'In November, Year 2 children met Barry, an ambassador for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and his guide dog Woody, and we found out about how important guide dogs are and all of the training they need to do their very special job. Year 2 are going to sponsor some guide dog puppies and we will be finding out more about this in the New Year.' I am pleased to announce that Year 2 pupils raised a brilliant £404.11 in support of their charity. Well done Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and thank you for your generosity!



Reception Eye Tests

It is recommended that children should undergo an eye test when in Reception to identify any problems which may affect their education. A letter from the NHS has been sent home this week to all Reception parents. Please be aware that if you **DO NOT** want your child to be tested then the reply slip at the bottom of the letter that has been sent home, should be returned to school or posted to the address detailed on the letter. If the Orthoptist **DOES NOT** hear to the contrary, then your child **WILL** be tested in school and the results will be sent to you. Please return any reply slips to the school office by Friday 10th January 2020 and we will ensure they are posted to the relevant address. Thank you.

Nursery Places for 2020 – 2021 The New Year is a time when many parents consider which setting they would like their child to attend as they enter **Nursery** in **September 2020**. If you, or anyone you know who has a child of Nursery age, would like to come and take a look at our teacher-led Nursery Provision, discuss what options are available for your child, or register your interest in taking up a place in our purpose designed Nursery, please contact the school office or speak to myself as Headteacher or Miss Grice, who is our Nursery teacher. Please be aware that applications for Nursery will be available to access on our school website from Monday 6th January 2020 via the 'Information for Parents' tab, or alternatively by following this link: <https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/school-information/admissions>

The closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 27th March 2020.

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