

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

10th January 2020

Happy New Year



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and to wish you all a Happy New Year. I have enjoyed talking to the children and hearing about their very exciting Christmas holidays. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots to experience and enjoy and I am looking forward to keeping you updated as we progress through the term.

Attendance

As we have now started a new year, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of December. The percentage attendance for the whole school for December was 92.8%. Congratulations to Year 2 with the highest monthly attendance of 96.6% and to Miss Fereday's class in Year 2, with a fantastic attendance of 97%. Well done everyone!

Reception	89.3%
Y1	92.1%
Y2	96.6%
Y3	92.6%
Y4	93.2%
Y5	90.5%
Y6	94.8%

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 2 who were the winning year group in December. 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.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 13th January 2020 – Menu week 2.

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

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

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Young, who is one of our teachers in Reception. Mrs Young and her husband are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl.

Emilia Jayne Young was born on 25th December weighing 7lb 12oz.



Bad Weather Procedures

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/>

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Year 6 Parent Consultations

Year 6 Parent consultations meetings will take place slightly earlier this term, compared to the rest of the school. This allows greater opportunity for Year 6 parents to receive feedback and advice on ways you can support your child at home before they are subject to SATs in May. Y6 Parent consultations are due to take place during the week commencing **10th February** and Year 6 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 13th February**. To provide a more efficient service, you will be aware that we have changed the way in which you can make an appointment to see your child's classteacher. I am pleased to inform you that you will now be able to book your appointment online. Year 6 parents will be sent a link to your mobile phone or email address during the morning of **23rd January**. The link will take you to the online booking system to select a time convenient for you.

Please follow these simple steps to book your appointment:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next, you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside the teacher that you need to book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
5. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before Parents' Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

The new online booking service will be available to access until **Thursday 6th February**. If you do not have internet access, it is still possible to make an appointment through the school office; please ring and discuss this with a member of the office staff who will book an appointment for you. If you wish to update your email address or mobile telephone number, please contact the school office.

Previous feedback from parents about the new online booking service has been very positive however, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you do experience any problems with this service.

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 application forms for Nursery are available to access on our school website 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.



PTFA News!

Money raised - We are pleased to announce that the Christmas Bingo raised £780.25 and the Christmas Cards raised £784.37. Thank you once again to everyone that contributed to these initiatives.

Christmas Parties - Thank you to all those parents who volunteered. We are pleased to announce that the parties raised £535.

Happy New Year – The PTFA would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year; we hope to see you at the events we will be running this year.

Five Ways Lottery

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

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