

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

4th September 2020

Welcome Back



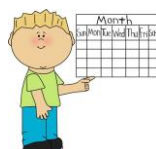
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school following lockdown. We are very pleased to be able to open to all pupils and to return to some level of normality. I would like to compliment pupils for the way in which they have conducted themselves when returning to school and the way in which they have adjusted to the 'new normal'! I would also like to thank parents for your patience and understanding at drop off and collection times to ensure everyone remains safe. Following the first day, I am pleased to say that the new safety measures put in place during drop off and collection times worked very smoothly, due to the co-operation of parents, pupils and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your kind comments and positive feedback regarding our Covid-19 safety measures, and the way in which staff have welcomed pupils back in such a calm and supportive manner.

Dates 2020 – 2021

A list of important dates that have been confirmed for this academic year was sent home on 13th July however, I have sent home another copy today (*Version 2*) with some additions, to ensure everyone has received it. You will notice that some school events such as Christmas Service dates and sports day dates have not been listed yet, due to Covid-19 regulations. As guidance changes, additional dates and information regarding these types of events will be issued as appropriate.

Please be aware that the remaining INSET days for this year are as follows:

- 11th September 2020
- 23rd October 2020
- 12th February 2021
- 25th June 2021



In addition, this is advanced notice that school is likely to be closed on 6th May 2021, as our site is required as a Polling Station.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 7th September 2020 – Menu week 2.

In addition, please see the list of dates that have been confirmed so far (Version 2), sent home today for this academic year.

7th September – 'Welcome' presentation and accompanying letter emailed home from your child's new Year Leader.

9th September – First transition day for Nursery to Year 5 cohorts 2019 – 2020. New teachers visit their classes in their classrooms and spend the day with their new children.

10th September – Second transition day for Nursery to Year 5 cohorts 2019 – 2020. Classes move into their new classrooms for the day with their new classteacher. Parents are asked to drop off / collect your child from their new classroom on this day. (*Parents of children commencing Reception and Nursery in September 2020, will have had a separate letter providing further information, stating transition days and their start date at Five Ways.*)

11th September - School Closed INSET Day

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

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We're Here to Help

I am pleased to report that most children have settled well during their first week back at school after being in lockdown for so long. However, I know that there are times when parents need to speak to someone in school regarding a concern they may have or an issue that has arisen. Our ethos of an 'open door policy' very much remains albeit by telephone and email or your child's Home-Link book (Year 1 to Year 6 only) during the autumn term. If you would like to speak to your child's classteacher, please phone or email the office or write a message in your child's Home-Link book (Year 1 – Year 6 only) and your child's teacher will contact you by phone.

In addition, Mrs Fuller as Deputy Headteacher, Miss Jones as Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Russell as School Business Manager and myself are always available to speak to parents if required. Please catch us on the school gate or contact us via the school office and we will be more than happy to telephone you. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all staff at Five Ways are committed to ensuring your child achieves their full potential both academically and socially, so please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you do experience any concerns. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Due to Covid-19 regulations, all extra-curricular clubs (other than Breakfast Club and After School Club) that would normally take place during lunchtimes and after school, are temporarily suspended until further notice. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Five Ways Lottery

The winners of each lottery during lockdown and over the summer holiday were posted on the PTFA Facebook page as they happened. Well done to all those who won! Tickets can be bought by following the link:

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

Transition Arrangements

This is a reminder that our transition arrangements this year are as follows:

- Virtual 'Welcome' to new year group presentations will be made available for you and your child to view on Monday 7th September. The presentation will include photographs to introduce all members of the teaching team and support staff team that will be working with your child from 14th September onwards. It will also contain specific details about the organisation of a typical day in your child's new year group and a virtual tour showcasing classrooms within your child's new year group, along with cloakroom areas, etc. You will be emailed a link to the presentation during the morning of Monday 7th September.
Parents will also be sent a map detailing your child's new classroom and entrance / exit doors as well as information regarding drop off and collection times in preparation for 14th September.
- **Wednesday 9th September** – 1st transition day for Nursery to Year 5 cohorts 2019 – 2020. New teachers will visit their classes in their classrooms and spend the day with their new children.
- **Thursday 10th September** – 2nd transition day for Nursery to Year 5 cohorts 2019 – 2020. Classes move into their new classrooms for the day with their new classteacher. Parents are asked to drop off / collect your child from their new classroom on this day. *(Further information to follow from your child's new Year Leader and Mrs Mander on 7.9.20.)*
(Parents of children commencing Reception and Nursery in September 2020, will have had a separate letter providing further information, stating transition days and their start date at Five Ways.)
- **Monday 14th September** - Reception to Year 5 cohorts 2019 – 2020 move to their new year group with their new classteacher.

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