

Newsletter



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New Nursery Families



I would like to take this opportunity to make an especially warm welcome to our new Nursery families who joined the Five Ways community this week. I have been very proud of how all of our Nursery children have tried to be really brave, and walk through our Nursery door each morning, without their grown-up being able to accompany them. This must have been especially difficult for Nursery parents this year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, and on behalf of our Nursery staff, I would like to thank parents for supporting us in the way you have.

Due to the fact that our Nursery induction arrangements have been very different this year, and because we are passionate about wanting to develop a strong partnership with our parents, we are pleased to provide you with an opportunity to meet with your child's Nursery key worker, virtually, via the Zoom app. The virtual meetings for pupils in Nursery will take place during the week beginning 5th October. Each meeting will run for approximately 10 minutes and appointments will be available during some afternoons and after school that week. We will also be offering late night appointments on 8th October, for meetings to take place from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

To make an appointment to meet with your child's key worker, virtually, you will be able to book your appointment online. You should have already received a link that was sent to your mobile phone or email address yesterday, which will allow you to access our online booking system to select a time convenient for you.

The online booking service is open now until Thursday 1st October at 4.00pm. 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.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 28th September 2020 – Menu week 2.

w/c 28th September – After School / Evening Zoom calls with new classteachers (*Reception to Year 6 only.*)

2nd October - Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers

w/c 5th October - Afternoon / After School Zoom calls for Nursery parents

8th October – Flu Vaccination day (Reception to Year 6)

8th October – Evening Zoom calls for Nursery parents
6.00pm – 8.00pm

9th October – World Mental Health Day (*More details to follow.*)

14th, 15th, 16th, 19th and 20th October – Year 6 Bikeability

22nd October - School Closes for Half Term

23rd October - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

2nd November - School Opens for Pupils following October Half Term

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

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Parent Meetings with New Classteachers

Thank you to all those parents of pupils in Reception to Year 6 who have booked a virtual meeting with your child's classteacher to take place next week. Each meeting will run for approximately 10 minutes. The booking system closed yesterday however, if you did not manage to book an appointment, this is still possible by telephoning the school office.

In preparation for your Zoom meeting, your child's classteacher will email you an invitation confirming the date and time that you have booked. Staff will only email parents one day at a time. Therefore, if you have booked a meeting for Monday 28th September, you will receive your invitation by 6.00pm this Friday 25th September. Invitations to meetings booked for Tuesday 29th, will be emailed to parents by 6.00pm on Monday and so on.

To access the Zoom meeting you will need to download the Zoom app onto your home PC or mobile device, such as an iPad, smart phone or Kindle-Fire tablet. The app is free to download. Once you have the app available to you, you simply need to access it on the date specified in your invitation email. You will only need a couple of minutes prior to your Zoom meeting time, to set yourself up. Simply click on the Zoom app icon then click on the icon that states 'join'. This will take you to the 'Join a Meeting' page. Here, you will need to type in the Meeting ID code that your class teacher emailed to you. This will be a series of 11 numbers. You will then be prompted to enter your meeting password, which will be made up of case sensitive numbers and letters - also found in the email sent to you.

Your child's classteacher is the host. You will need to wait for your host to accept you into the meeting. Once this has been accepted, you will see yourself on the screen. You may need to check that you have accepted 'audio' and 'video record' (this does not mean that the conversation will be recorded) to enable yourself to be seen and heard. You will see your classteacher on your screen, once your host has accepted you. At the end of the Zoom meeting, simply exit the conversation by clicking on 'Leave' – usually found in the top right hand corner of the screen.

I hope that parents who take part in the upcoming meetings find them beneficial. I am sure you will agree that parents working in partnership with the teachers is an essential element to promoting the best possible outcomes for our children, especially after so long out of school during lockdown.

Sibling Photographs

Unfortunately, Tempest photographers, in liaison with the school, have postponed the date set for sibling photographs. This is due to the current restrictions that are in place due to Covid-19. Once a new date is arranged, parents will be informed.

Inconsiderate Parking and Dangerous Driving

As the new term progresses, we continue to have issues with parking outside the school gates and in the nearby roads at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. A small minority of parents are continuing to park across the driveways of local residents and on the double yellow lines and restricted areas outside the school gates. I would like to remind parents that the registration of any cars parked inconsiderately and on double yellow lines / in the restricted areas outside school will be reported to the Police. Please support us in maintaining our good relationships with local residents by parking responsibly. It has also been reported that some drivers are exceeding speed limits on the roads around school which is extremely concerning. Our pupils deserve to walk to school safely – let's work together to ensure this happens.



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