

Newsletter



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2nd October 2020

Young Minds



This is a reminder that on 9th October, it is World Mental Health Day and we will be supporting the work of YoungMinds. The YoungMinds campaign is known as 'Hello Yellow', so on 9th October, all children will be asked to wear 1 item of yellow clothing to complement their school uniform in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of yellow socks, a yellow hairband or any other yellow item. In addition, pupils will spend time during this day taking part in activities to raise their awareness of mental health issues in a child friendly way.

One activity that all children will take part in during this day will be to decorate a pebble with a picture or inspirational message reminding us all how to care for one another and our mental well-being, especially after lockdown and during the unprecedented times we are experiencing. The pebbles will be placed at the front of the school close to a memorial bench which is due to be installed, in memory of Miss Phillips, who was one of our Early Years teachers who sadly passed away unexpectedly in June 2019. The memorial bench and pebbles will be put in place shortly after the October half term holiday, and will provide a special place on the school site for pupils, parents and staff to visit.

Please ensure your child brings a pebble to school in preparation for 9th October, so that they can enjoy decorating it and can look forward to it forming a permanent display at Five Ways for everyone to enjoy. If you are unable to supply your child with a pebble, please inform your child's classteacher who will be able to access some spare pebbles that we have in school.

I will look forward to writing to you again, following half term, once the pebbles, and Miss Phillips' memorial bench are installed.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
5th October 2020 – Menu week
3.

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 (*Please ensure your
child wears an item of yellow
clothing and brings a pebble to
school to decorate.*)

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

13th November – Children in
Need day (*More details to follow*)

W/B 16th November - Anti-
Bullying Week (*More details to
follow*)

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

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Harvest



Pupils at Five Ways learn about Harvest Festivals and the positive impact they can have upon caring for others that live in our community. For this reason, I would like to ask families to support our annual Harvest Fundraising Campaign by donating food that will be distributed to the local community by Pastor John Tyrell and his volunteers. Suitable items to donate include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta/rice pots and pasta sauces etc. All donations will be displayed in our Art Gallery for pupils to see before being passed to Mr Tyrell to distribute. Please send any donations into school with your child by 22nd October and their classteacher will arrange for them to be sent to the gallery to be displayed. Any donations will be much appreciated and will really make a big difference to local people in need. Thank you for your support.

Walk to School Month



The month of October is 'Walk to School Month'. We would like families to actively participate by leaving their car at home or by parking further away from the school so that more pupils have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of walking. The greater number of families walking to and from school, will also help to improve parking problems around school and the local housing estates. Regrettably, school is still receiving complaints from local residents as a result of illegal and inconsiderate parking.

Parent Meetings

Many parents took part in virtual meetings this week to meet their child's new classteacher as part of our transition arrangements. Nursery meetings are due to take place next week. You will be aware that our next round of parent consultations are due to take place w/c 2nd November with Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4th November. As a school, we have made the decision to delay these meetings because it is felt they are too close to the meetings that have already taken place. For that reason, I would like to inform you that our autumn term parent consultation week will now take place during w/c 30th November with Parents' Evening taking place on Thursday 3rd December. These meetings will take place virtually, via the Zoom App. The online booking service will be available to access from 9.00am on 5th November until **Thursday 19th November at 4.00pm** and more information regarding booking an appointment will be made available closer to the time.

Trim Trail Equipment

At Five Ways, we are privileged to have a trim trail on site. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this equipment is cordoned off and children are not permitted to use it without strict supervision from staff at Five Ways. This is because the trim trail has to be cleaned carefully before and after children use it to help prevent the spread of Covid. Please help us to ensure the safety of your children before and after school, by not allowing them to play on the trim trail. Thank you.



Five Ways Lottery

Five Ways Lottery – We are pleased to announce that Miss Davies 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

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Caroline Bowers Art Award



You will be aware that during lockdown, families were invited to take part in our annual Arts Award in memory of Caroline Bowers. Due to this year being very different because of Covid-19, we opened the award to several different categories and asked that the artwork be brought into school last week. I am pleased to inform you that some children and their families, along with staff did send in artwork however, the number of pieces of artwork that were received was very low. For that reason, we will be extending the date by which artwork can be completed to allow a greater number of families and children to take part. We will also be using some art lessons in school to give all pupils the opportunity to produce a piece of work that could be considered for the pupil category.

If you or your family have not already done so, and would like to produce a piece of artwork for our Art Award, I would like to remind you that the chosen theme this year was "Moving and Growing." The artwork produced can be a drawing, painting, collage, a model or printmaking in any medium that can be displayed safely within school. Entries should be no larger than A3.

As a reminder, the award is open to:

- Pupils - one piece of work may be submitted by each pupil. Parents and family members may help the child with learning or practising art techniques and ways to improve their work, just as a teacher would do. However, the entry must be the child's own work.
- Parents - one piece of work may be submitted by each parent.
- Families - one piece of work may be submitted by each family. Any member of the family, be it children, parents, aunts, uncles etc. may produce a single piece of work for entry but the proviso is that all the family, especially the children, are included in some way in the entry. The spirit of this category is one of whole family involvement which benefits everyone. The entry will be under the family name. *(Please ensure Government guidelines related to social distances are followed.)*

The closing date for entries is now 2nd November. Artwork should be handed to your child's classteacher on this date and all entries must be labelled clearly with your child's name, year group and classteacher as well as the category that the artwork falls into. We look forward to seeing your individual or family submissions.

Face Masks

Please be aware that from Monday 5th October, parents and visitors entering the office area are asked to wear face masks as an additional precaution against Covid-19. I would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Forgotten Equipment

Please ensure your child arrives at school with all equipment required for the day, such as PE kits and lunch boxes. Parents entering the office to drop off equipment that is brought to school after children have entered the building at the start of the day, are placing our office staff at increased risk from Covid-19. Only for absolute essential reasons, should parents be entering the office area. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep everyone safe.

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