

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

16th October 2020

## Young Minds

I am pleased to report that as a school, we raised £412.51 in support of Young Minds and National Mental Health day that took place last Friday. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection and for your generosity. Well done everyone!



## Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning**  
**19th October 2020 – Menu**  
**week 2.**

19th and 20th October – Year 6 Bikeability

22nd October – Closing date for Parent Governor applications

22nd October - School Closes for Half Term – Normal school uniform to be worn.

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 16<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week (*More details to follow*)

27th November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

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

## Parent Governor Vacancy

This is a reminder that we will shortly have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body at Five Ways. If you would be interested in becoming a Parent Governor and would like to have an impact upon school development, please telephone the school office and an information pack will be sent home via your child. Applications for this position need to be received by 4.00pm on Thursday 22nd October. Thank you.



## End of Term / INSET Day

Please note that school will be closed for pupils on Friday 23rd October as this is an INSET day for the school.

Please be aware that **Thursday 22nd October** will **NOT** be a non-uniform day. This is because the PTFA are not running their annual Christmas Bingo event this year, due to Covid-19 restrictions so do not need to ask for Christmas chocolate donations. Pupils are asked to attend school on 22nd October wearing normal school uniform. Thank you.

## Harvest

Thank you to all those families who have shown their support towards our Harvest Fundraising Campaign by donating food that will be distributed to the local community. Suitable items to donate include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta/rice pots and pasta sauces etc. This is a reminder that if you would like to contribute to the collection, please send any donations into school with your child by 22nd October and their classteacher will arrange for them to be sent to the library to be displayed.

## Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Lees 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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school)

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## Covid-19 Protective Measures

Parents and adults dropping off and collecting pupils from school are reminded of the following guidelines that must be adhered to:

- Only **1** adult should accompany a child onto site to drop off in the morning and collect in the afternoon
- Face masks should be worn by all adults on site during drop off / collection times
- Adults on site are reminded to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule when queuing and waiting to drop off / collect pupils
- Adults are asked to refrain from gathering in groups on the school site because it jeopardises the safety of others and blocks pathways.

I would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation. If all adults adhere to the protective measures detailed above, then this will help to ensure that our school community remains safe.

### Holiday Clubs

You may be aware that JC Academy, who are a privately run business, operated holiday clubs at Five Ways before we went into lockdown. Sadly, I have been informed that JC Academy will not be operating any holiday care this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. It is hoped that the holiday clubs will commence again at some point during 2021. Parents will be updated as soon as we know any more.

### Special Assemblies

At this time of year, I am usually inviting parents into school to celebrate the special achievements of pupils during our half termly Special Assemblies. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to go ahead with these assemblies this year. For this reason, the Senior Leadership Team and I, in liaison with Year Leaders, are exploring other ways in which the special achievements of pupils can be celebrated. As soon as definite decisions have been made, I will communicate these with parents.

### Inconsiderate / Illegal Parking

It is with regret that I am having to mention again that Staffordshire Police and the school have received further complaints from local residents, regarding illegal parking and abuse from adults. A small minority of adults, whilst dropping off / collecting pupils from Five Ways, are parking inconsiderately or illegally around the local estates and are being verbally abusive when challenged by local residents. This type of behaviour reflects terribly upon the reputation of the school. The safety of pupils is our utmost priority; Staffordshire Police have confirmed that they have been left with no other option than to prosecute offenders. If any parents or local residents are having issues with your vehicular driveways being blocked, then you are asked to request for enforcement by following this link: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/Parking-and-enforcement/On-Street-Parking/Problem-parking/No-traffic-regulation-orders/Dropped-kerb-enforcement.aspx>

We are also working with our School Travel Advisor, Mr Ryan Procter, who is supporting the school by trying to alleviate parking problems with the implementation of various safer parking initiatives. With this in mind, please see the flyer that has been sent home today detailing a bespoke travel map so that parents can plan an active travel journey to school, rather than having to park nearby and cause congestion / parking problems. Please be aware that bicycles and scooters are not permitted to be used or stored on the school site. Sadly, the Walking Bus is not in operation currently, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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