

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

22nd October 2020

## Parent Consultations

This is a reminder that virtual parent consultations will take place, via Zoom, during the week beginning 30th November. To make an appointment to meet with your child's classteacher, you will be able to book your appointment online. You will be sent a link to your mobile phone or email address at 9.00am on Thursday 5th November, which will take you to the online booking system to select a time convenient for you.

The online booking service is available to access from 9.00am on 5th November until **Thursday 19th November 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.

## INSET Day

Please note that school will be closed for pupils on Friday 23rd October as this is an INSET day for the school. School will then close for half term and will re-open on Monday 2nd November following the half term break.

On behalf of the staff at Five Ways, I would like to wish you all a lovely half term and hope that you all remain safe and well! I look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens on Monday 2nd November.

**Children in Need** As you may be aware, it is Children in Need day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. To enable pupils to understand the purpose of the event and to join in the fundraising, pupils are able to wear 1 item of spotty clothing on this day in return for a donation to the charity (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of spotty socks, a spotty hairband or any other spotty item. In addition, pupils will spend a lesson during this day learning about the work of the charity and the worthy causes it supports.

## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 2nd November 2020 – Menu week 3.

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

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

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

W/B 30th November - Parent/Teacher Consultations (*After School Appointments*) via Zoom

11th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children (*More details to follow*)

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

**Five Ways Lottery** We are pleased to announce that Mrs Lees won last weekend's lotteries again. Well done! Tickets can be bought by following the link: [www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school](http://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school)

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## Covid-19 Protective Measures

As you can appreciate, the school office will be closed throughout the half term break. However, it is still very important that we are notified immediately if your child receives a positive test result for Covid-19. This is because we still have a responsibility to ask pupils and staff, who have been in contact with your child, to self-isolate during the half term if required.

Therefore, we have purchased an emergency phone that will be monitored by a member of the Senior Leadership Team throughout the half term so that you can contact us and inform us if your child does test positive during the break. The number is as follows: **07726 615591**. **Please only contact us via this number if your child tests positive for Covid-19.**

### Harvest

Thank you again 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. You can see how generous everyone has been in the photograph!



### PTFA News!

**PTFA AGM** – I am pleased to inform you that a virtual AGM will be held via Zoom, on Wednesday 18th November at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend! At this meeting, the new committee will be voted in for 2020 – 2021. As you can appreciate, the workload of any PTFA members for this academic year will be much reduced due to Covid-19 restrictions however, it is still important that we are able to elect a committee to maintain the charity status of the PTFA. If you would like to join us at the AGM, please contact the school office and we will inform you of the login details in preparation for the virtual meeting. Thank you.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Thank you to those parents who have already submitted an application for the role of Parent Governor at Five Ways. If there are any more parents who are interested in becoming a Parent Governor and would like to have an impact upon school development, please be aware that applications for this position need to be received by 4.00pm today (Thursday 22nd October). Thank you.



### Dangerous Parking

I would like to thank those parents who are parking considerately and are helping to keep our pupils safe during drop off and collection times. There still remains a small number of parents and grandparents who are parking across driveways, on curbs blocking pavements and on yellow lines around school. This is very dangerous and jeopardises the safety of pupils; it also upsets local residents and jeopardises the school's reputation. I would like to request that anyone who is tempted to park inconsiderately or illegally does not go ahead and do this, as you will be reported to the police.



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