

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

13th November 2020

Remembrance Day

All pupils and staff in school took part in a minutes silence at 11 o'clock on Wednesday 11th November to commemorate Remembrance Day. I am also pleased to inform you that Charlotte Gray, who is in Year 3, was invited to represent Five Ways and lay a wreath at the Heath Hayes War Memorial Gates. Charlotte was filmed whilst laying the wreath and the footage was used in the virtual Remembrance service that was streamed to the public last Sunday. Well done Charlotte! You can see Charlotte photographed below.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

16th November 2020 – Menu week 2.

W/B 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week

18th November – PTFA AGM
8.00pm via Zoom

19th November – Booking system closes at 4.00pm for Parent Consultation appointments

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

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

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

18th December - School Closes

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

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of the campaign this year is entitled '*United Against Bullying*'. At Five Ways we take bullying very seriously and as in previous years, we are proud to be a part of this. Pupils will be spending time in their classrooms discussing the definition of bullying and what steps to take if they feel they are being bullied. Pupils in KS1 will agree to abide by an 'Anti-Bullying Promise' and KS2 pupils will learn about making an 'Anti-Bullying Pledge'. Previous Junior Governing Body representatives from Year 5 and 6 explained bullying as: '*Bullying is repeated over time and can hurt people physically and emotionally. This could be name calling or teasing or could be hitting, punching or kicking. Cyber-bullying can also take place, for example, on the internet, by text messaging or with online gaming. People may bully because of religion, skin colour, peoples' accents, gender (boys and girls), home backgrounds or physical differences.*'

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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 should have been sent a link to your mobile phone or email address, which will take you to the online booking system to select a time convenient for you.

The online booking service is live now, and is available to access 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.

Parent Governor Ballot

You will be aware that we received 5 applications for the role of Parent Governor and as a result of these numbers, we had to go to ballot. The deadline for returning completed ballot papers was 12.00 noon today. I look forward to announcing who has been elected as our Parent Governor in next week's newsletter.

Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Miss Yapp 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

PTFA AGM!

This is a reminder that a virtual AGM will be held via Zoom next week, 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.

Keeping Everyone Safe

Due to Covid-19 protective measures, this is a polite reminder that 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). Parents are asked to refrain from passing messages to staff on doors at drop off times, unless messages are very short. This is because adults are expected to remain 2m away from each other, and passing messages at this distance can be very difficult and compromises the safety of staff and parents. Thank you for your co-operation regarding this matter.

Children in Need

Today was Children in Need day; it was lovely seeing pupils dressed in spotty items of clothing! Thank you for the monetary donations received. I will inform you of how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.



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