

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

18th December 2020

Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day

As you are aware, Year 1 pupils wore their Christmas jumpers to school last week in support of their year group charity, 'Save the Children'. I am pleased to inform you that Year 1 pupils raised £64.30 for their charity. Thank you for all donations received.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
4th January 2021 – Menu week
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4th January - School Opens
9th February – Safer Internet Day
(*More details to follow*)
11th February - School Closes for Half Term
12th February - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day
22nd February - School Opens for Pupils
4th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (*More details to follow however, pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.*)
1st April - School Closes for Easter Break
19th April - School Opens
3rd May - School Closed Bank Holiday
Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

Covid-19 Contact Tracing

Public Health England, in liaison with the DfE, has agreed a 6 day window after the final day of this term in which schools have been asked to remain contactable so that we can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts at Five Ways to be traced, whether it be pupils or staff. This means that parents are asked to notify us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 up until 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, 24th December.

The school office will be closed throughout the Christmas break however, emails sent to office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk will still be monitored until 5.00pm on Christmas Eve. We have also purchased an emergency phone that will be monitored by a member of the Senior Leadership Team up until 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, so that you can contact us and inform us if your child does test positive on or before 24th December. The number is as follows: **07726 615591. Please only contact us via the telephone number above or via email at office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk if your child tests positive for Covid-19.**

Please note, that where a pupil's test result comes back positive after 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, we **do not** need to be informed until the first day of the new term, which is Monday 4th January 2021.

After Christmas Eve, all positive cases and contact tracing will be dealt with through NHS Test and Trace.



Five Ways Lottery We are pleased to announce that Mrs Howard 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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Merry Christmas!

I would like to congratulate all pupils on their achievements during this very different autumn term at Five Ways. I feel that as a school community, we have faced many challenges this term and have a lot to feel proud of. I have been amazed with how hard pupils have continued to work during the term, whether it be in school or when at home in isolation. The pupils' positive attitudes to their learning and the 'new normal' at Five Ways have been exemplary! I would like to thank all parents, staff and governors for their unwavering support and commitment during this term and wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas. I would also like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful 2021, as we look forward hopefully, to better times ahead and returning to some level of normality. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when school re-opens on Monday 4th January. Well done everyone!

Merry Christmas



Christmas Production

As you are aware, our normal Nativity performances have not been possible this year. As an alternative and as a way of spreading some festive joy, we have produced a whole school Christmas production based on the 12 Days of Christmas. We hope that parents and grandparents will enjoy viewing the performance and will gain a real sense of pride from the fact that the production celebrates such happiness and togetherness at Christmas time. On behalf of the school community, I would like to give special thanks to Mr McFarlane and Mr Mullally who have worked incredibly hard behind the scenes putting the production

together. The Five Ways '12 Days of Christmas' production can be accessed via our school website (in the 'Information for Parents' section) by following the

link: <https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/school-information/whole-school-christmas-production>



Sporting Achievements Like in all primary schools across England, Covid-19 restrictions have drastically reduced the opportunities for our pupils to participate in sports clubs, teams, practices and competitions. However, I am pleased to announce that in partnership with the School Games Organiser for the Cannock and Rugeley District, our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have participated in a multi-skills competition within their class bubbles. Each class completed a circuit of running, jumping and throwing challenges and scores were collated across local schools. The results are as follows: .

Year 1 Results:

1st - Gorsemoor
2nd - Five Ways
3rd – Moorhill
4th - Chase View
5th - Redhill

Year 2 Results:

1st - Gorsemoor
2nd - Five Ways
3rd - Chase View
4th - Redhill

I would also like to congratulate Ethan H, who is in Miss Wright's class in Year 2, as he was the top scoring pupil in Year 2 across all schools. Well done Ethan, and well done to everyone who took part!

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Reception Places for 2021 – 2022

This is a reminder that the application round for our Reception cohort 2021 – 2022, is currently open, and the closing date for applications is **Friday 15th January 2020**. To apply for your child to join one of our Reception classes in September 2021, parents need to apply online through the Staffordshire School Admissions Website by following this link:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

If you, or anyone you know has a child who was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, and you would like them to join our Reception cohort in September 2021, please visit our school website to view our 'Welcome to Reception' presentation by following this link:

<https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/school-information/early-years-foundation>

Sadly, we are unable to offer visits to the school currently, due to Covid-19 restrictions however, if you have any questions, please contact the school office to speak to Mrs Young, who is our Reception Year Leader.



Bad Weather Procedures

As we move towards colder weather, please note the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary. In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link: <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/>



New Mobile Classrooms Last year, we were informed that Staffordshire County Council would fund the replacement of our two old mobile classrooms that we use for music and art teaching. They are located at the back of the school close to the KS2 building. Once the classrooms are replaced with two new, modern mobile classrooms fully equipped with air conditioning and toilets, we intend to use them as Year 5 classrooms from September 2021. Music and art will then take place in the current Year 5 mobile classrooms.

As you can imagine, work has been delayed due to Covid-19 however, I am pleased to inform you that the old mobile will be dismantled next week when the school site is empty. The area will be cordoned off and contractors will abide by our Covid risk assessment. I have not been informed when the new mobile will be delivered to site however, I will update you following the Christmas break.

Online Safety

As some parents may appreciate, older pupils have a tendency to spend more time online during holiday periods and during tighter lockdown restrictions. Staffordshire Police have produced some parental information and an activity pack aimed at KS2 pupils to complete, so that they can be encouraged to stay safe online. The two documents have been sent home today along with this newsletter.



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