

Newsletter



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21st May 2021

Half Term



Have a lovely half term everyone! I look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens on Monday 7th June.

Covid – 19 Safety Measures

This is a reminder that we still DO expect adults to wear a face mask whilst on the school premises – both indoors and outdoors. This means that ALL adults who are dropping off and collecting children from school MUST wear a face mask when on the school site, unless exempt on medical grounds.

All staff working in school will continue to wear face masks/coverings whilst in communal areas such as corridors or when working in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained, unless exempt on medical grounds. Staff will also wear a face mask when teaching or working with classes other than their own.

I would like to thank those parents and family members, who are continuing to adhere to these safety measures regarding the need to wear face masks.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

7th June 2021 – Menu week 2.

28th May - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

7th June - School Opens

7th June – Year 2 Circus Sensible Workshops

7th June – Memorial Ceremony

Dedicated to Miss Phillips

w/c 14th June Sports Days

throughout the week.

18th June – Year 6 Leavers'

Photograph Day

21st June – Enterprise Project begins (*More details to follow.*)

21st June – 'My teacher is' letter sent home, as well as a letter from your child's new Year Leader.

24th June – Whole School Transition Day – Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

25th June – INSET School CLOSED to pupils.

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

Retirement of Long Standing Member of Staff

As some parents may be aware, Mrs Testill, who is a Teaching Assistant at Five Ways, will be retiring today after devoting 25 years of her life to the school. Mrs Testill has always been an outstanding and dedicated Teaching Assistant who has contributed hugely to the success of Five Ways during her time here. Mrs Testill will be a great loss to our team of staff. On behalf of the governors and staff at Five Ways, I would like to thank Mrs Testill for her contribution to the school and the positive impact she has had upon the lives of so many children and their families.



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Transition Arrangements

As you are aware, we value the need to ensure pupils are given the opportunity to become familiar with their new classteacher and classroom in preparation for September, especially after experiencing such disruption following the most recent period of school closure, related to the pandemic. Therefore, our transition arrangements this year have been altered slightly as a result of the Covid-19 safety measures that are required to be followed. The arrangements for transition this year are as follows:

Welcome Meetings - Sadly, in line with government guidance, we are not able to deliver our usual 'Welcome' meetings for parents in the school hall, as large gatherings involving adults are still not permitted. For this reason, a virtual 'Welcome' presentation will be made available for you to view on Monday 21st June. The presentation will include photographs to introduce all members of the teaching team and support staff team who will be working with your child in September. It will also contain specific details about the organisation of a typical day in your child's new year group and a virtual tour showcasing classrooms within your child's new year group, along with cloakroom areas, etc. You will be sent a link to the presentation during the morning of Monday 21st June.

New Teachers - On Monday 21st June, your child will receive an enveloped letter detailing who their new classteacher will be in September. You will also receive a letter from your child's new Year Leader welcoming you to the year group and providing you with some other relevant information that will accompany the 'Welcome' presentation detailed above.

Transition Day - Thursday 24th June - Your child will spend this day in their new classroom with their new teacher. This will allow your child to interact with their new teacher and teaching assistant as necessary. Parents are asked to drop off and collect children at their new classrooms at the beginning and end of the school day on 24th June. Sadly, parents will not be permitted to come inside the school building and view your child's classroom due to safety measures related to Covid-19.

I would like to reassure you that all members of the teaching team will be doing their utmost to ensure this transition is a smooth one. 'Welcome' letters and information regarding your child's new classteacher for September will be sent home on Monday 21st June from your child's new Year Leader. The letter will contain a map so that you are able to locate your child's new classroom in preparation for the transition day on Thursday 24th June. In addition to the information already stated, the 'Welcome' letter will also state the door that your child will need to be dropped off at and will be dismissed from at the end of the day on Thursday 24th June. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's current classteacher if you have any concerns or questions regarding these arrangements.

I would also like to reassure parents that classrooms will be 'deep cleaned' before and after new classes of children enter them. Classes will also be given stationery and equipment to use that has been cleaned meticulously before use.

Parents of children commencing Reception and Nursery will receive a separate letter regarding their induction days and their start date at Five Ways from Miss Grice, who is our Nursery Leader and Mrs Young, who is our Reception Leader.

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Covid-19 Contact Tracing

Public Health England, in liaison with the DfE, has agreed a 2-day window after the final day of this half term in which schools have been asked to remain contactable so that we can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This means that parents are asked to notify us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 up until 5.00pm on Sunday 30th May 2021.

The school office will be closed during the half term break however, emails sent to office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk will still be monitored until 5.00pm on Sunday 30th May 2021. We have also purchased an emergency phone that will be monitored by a member of the Senior Leadership Team up until 5.00pm on Sunday 30th May 2021. 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 30th May, we do not need to be informed until Monday 7th June when school re-opens. After 30th May, all positive cases and contact tracing will be dealt with through NHS Test and Trace.

End of Year Reports I am pleased to inform parents that pupils' End of Year reports will be sent home on Friday 16th July. Thank you.



School Closure – INSET This is a reminder that school will be closed for pupils on Friday 25th June for staff training (INSET Day). School will re-open on Monday 28th June.

Memorial Area Dedicated to Miss Phillips

I would like to remind parents that the Reflection Area, dedicated to the memory of Miss Phillips, will be opened on Monday 7th June, marking the 2nd anniversary since Miss Phillips passed away. The memorial ceremony will take place at 10.00am on 7th June and it is expected to last 20 minutes approximately. Pupils who are in Miss Fereday's class will also attend the ceremony and will perform a short poem and sing a song. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for parents to attend the ceremony on 7th June, due to us having to restrict numbers gathering outside in line with Covid-19 safety measures. Please be reminded that pupils accompanied by parents are more than welcome to visit the Reflection Area during drop off and collection times on 7th June, if they wish to lay flowers around Miss Phillips' tree.

Parents are asked kindly to speak to your children about why this special area should be respected and looked after. Pupils will need to understand that the memorial bench should only be used for sitting on and that the yellow chippings placed underneath the bench and in some of the borders, should not be picked up and moved or thrown. Parents are asked to refrain from allowing children to walk on the pebbles that have been cemented in the ground, as they will get damaged. As you will be able to see, plants have been placed in the Reflection Area and children will need to be taught how to enjoy looking at them and how to spot butterflies and other insects that will be attracted into the area.



Five Ways Lottery

Tickets can be bought by following the link: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

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