

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

1st October 2021

Parents' Evening

Many parents attended virtual consultation appointments this week to discuss their child's progress with their classteacher. Thank you to those parents who were able to meet classteachers and show that they understand the importance of working together to promote the best possible outcomes for our children.

Young Minds Hello Yellow

I am pleased to inform you that on Friday 8th October the whole school will be supporting the Young Minds charity. This date marks World Mental Health Day and Young Minds are carrying out fundraising activities in schools to recognise this.

The Young Minds campaign is known as 'Hello Yellow'. Therefore, on 8th October, all children will be invited to wear an item of yellow clothing to supplement their school uniform, in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of yellow socks, a yellow hairband, a yellow t-shirt or any other yellow item. If your child does not have a yellow accessory or item of clothing to wear, they may choose to design a badge to wear, with the Hello Yellow Young Minds message on it.

In addition to wearing something yellow, pupils will spend a lesson during this day taking part in activities to raise their awareness of mental health issues. This will be communicated in a child friendly way. A letter with more information was sent home recently by Mrs Lindsay, who is our pupil well-being lead, at Five Ways. Should you wish to find out more information about this charity, you can do so through visiting their website:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-fundraise/helloyellow/>.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

4th October 2021 – Menu week 3.

5th October – PTFA 'Welcome' Meeting / AGM 7.00pm KS1 Hall *All Welcome!*

8th October – Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' / World Mental Health Day – ***Please wear an item of yellow clothing in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1). Please also remember to bring a pebble into school ready for decoration!***

15th October - Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers

18th, 19th, 20th and 21st October - Year 6 Bikeability

21st October - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

22nd October - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

1st November - School Opens

12th November - Children in Need Day (*More details to follow*)

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

Five Ways Lottery

Well done to last week's winner – I am pleased to report that this person donated their winnings back to the school which was very kind – thank you! Tickets can be bought by following the link:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

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PTFA 'Welcome' Meeting / AGM



This is a reminder that we are hosting a PTFA 'Welcome' meeting on **Tuesday 5th October at 7.00pm in the KS1 Hall**. Please come along and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake with other parents and family members who all want to work together to raise funds for the pupils at Five Ways! If you are able to join us, please ensure you have completed the slip attached to last week's newsletter or email Christie Gray, who is the PTFA Chairperson, on ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com so that we have an indication of numbers. Thank you.

The PTFA AGM will also be held on Tuesday 5th October, following the 'Welcome' meeting, once all visitors have received their free tea and cakes and had chance to say hello to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please be aware that adults attending this event will need proof of a negative Lateral Flow Device Test that was carried out on 5th October.

Lunchtime Staff Required

We currently have casual posts available within school for Lunchtime Supervisors. If you would like to join the Five Ways team or know of anyone living within the local community that would like to work with our pupils during lunchtime, please see Mrs Buck in the school office for further information. No previous experience is required as full training will be given.

Harvest

This is a reminder that we are asking families to support our annual Harvest Fundraising Campaign this year, by donating food that will be distributed to the local community by Pastor John Tyrell and his volunteers. Suitable items to donate include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta/rice pots and pasta sauces etc. All donations will be displayed in our Art Gallery for pupils to see before being passed to Mr Tyrell to distribute. Please send any donations into school with your child by 15th October and their classteacher will arrange for them to be sent to the gallery to be displayed. Any donations will be much appreciated and will really make a big difference to local people in need. Thank you for your support.



Inconsiderate Parking and Abusive Behaviour

I regret to inform you that I have received a complaint from a local resident about inconsiderate and illegal parking in the nearby roads at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. It has also been reported that damage was caused to a vehicle due to inconsiderate parking, as well as people being verbally abused when challenged regarding their poor parking.

I would like to remind parents that the registration of any cars parked across driveways or on double yellow lines / in the restricted areas outside school will be reported to the Police. Any abusive behaviour will also be reported and will not be tolerated.

Please support us in maintaining our good relationships with local residents by parking responsibly.



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Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Staffordshire County Council are collecting information about the Summer Holiday HAF programme to see if it could be improved, to ascertain what went well and most importantly to gauge the children's enjoyment of it. If you would like to complete the parental survey, please follow the link: <https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/childrens-and-families/hafparentsurvey> Please be aware that the closing date for the survey is 14th October 2021.

It's Good to Grow from Morrisons

I am pleased to inform you that we have joined the 'It's Good to Grow' scheme from Morrisons. Each time you shop in store or online you can help us by collecting Grow Tokens in exchange for free gardening equipment. Morrisons customers will need to download the MyMorrison app (for free), register and select the school they wish to collect for. We have until 24th October to collect tokens. Once they have been collected we can exchange them for items such as wheelbarrows, seeds, watering cans, mini greenhouses and much more! Thank you in advance for any tokens collected.



Walk to School Month

The month of October is 'Walk to School Month'. We would like families to actively participate by leaving their car at home or by parking further away from the school so that more pupils have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of walking. The greater number of families walking to and from school, will also help to improve parking problems around school and the local housing estates.

Classes will be recording the number of pupils who walk to school throughout October. The class in each Key Stage who records the most amount of 'walks', will receive a prize for each child.



Holiday Club!

Following the success of delivering a holiday club at our school previously, I am pleased to announce that JC Academy will be returning to Five Ways this October half term! JC Academy, who are an award winning, Ofsted registered childcare provider, will be managing the club as an external provider using our school premises. JC Academy already run holiday clubs throughout Staffordshire and are pleased to be able to offer this provision in Cannock at Five Ways. The first club will run during the October half term holiday from 8.30am – 5.30pm. The club will offer children a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a range of engaging activities such as arts, sports, group games, zorbing, drama and music. Pupils aged 4 to 12 years of age are able to attend. For further information or to book your child a place, please follow the link: www.jcacademy.co.uk You can also view their promotional video to gain a flavour of the provision provided. Please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/QxmDLwhCJMI>

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