

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

22nd September 2023

Parent Governor Vacancies

I would like to inform you that we currently have 2 Parent Governor Vacancies on our Governing Body at Five Ways. If you would be interested in becoming a Parent Governor and would like to have an impact upon school development, please collect an information pack from the office. Packs will be available for collection from Monday 25th September. Applications for these positions need to be received by 4.00pm on 6th October.

School Pick Up Times Due to our later finish time at the end of the school day now being 3.30pm for Reception to Year 6 pupils, all school gates will remain locked until 3.15pm. This is to ensure the safety of children during lesson times. Parents collecting pupils who are leaving school early to attend an appointment, will be permitted to enter via the main school gate using the intercom system. Nursery parents, who collect their child at 3.15pm, will be supplied with a 'password' so that they can gain entry via the main school gate before 3.15pm. The password will be communicated via 'Evidence Me'. Nursery parents are asked to ensure no tailgating from other parents takes place when the gate is opened, as this jeopardises the safety of all children in school.

Pupil Premium Entitlement

You may be aware that The Government have made changes to the entitlement criteria for Pupil Premium applications. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding (formerly free school meal funding), schools receive additional funds to assist with your child's education when you apply. Please be aware that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, and automatically receives a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme, it is still worth applying if you fit the criteria, as this may provide extra funds for the school. Please see the flyer sent home today for further information.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 25th September 2023 – Menu week 1.

29th September - Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers

3rd October - PTFA AGM – 7.15pm
KS1 Staffroom – *All welcome.*

9, 10th, 11th, 12th October - Year 6 Bikeability – *Please see letter from Mrs Lindsay.*

10th October – Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' / World Mental Health Day
(*More details to follow*)

13th October - Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers

W/B 16th October - Parent/Teacher Consultations (*Face to Face After School Appointments*)

19th October - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm

27th October - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

6th November - School Opens

W/B 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week (*More details to follow*)

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

Football Trading Cards

Please be aware that pupils are not permitted to bring football trading cards to school, as it causes disagreements between pupils. Please ensure they remain at home.

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Parents' Evening

This is a reminder that parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 16th October with Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th October. Appointments will be available to be booked online. You will be 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.

Please follow these simple steps to book your appointment:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next, you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside the teacher that you need to book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
5. Please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before Parents' Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time.

The online booking service will be available to access from **9.00am on Thursday 28th September** until **Thursday 12th October 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.



School Nurse

The School Nurse is available to help your child feel happy, healthy, and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about your child's health and well-being, please pop along to Cannock Children's Centre with your child. Nurses are available every Wednesday, 9.30am – 10.30am, term time only. Alternatively, a virtual drop-in clinic is available. Please see the posters sent home today for further information.



PTFA News!

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA **'Welcome Meeting'** this week. Miss Jones, who is our Assistant Headteacher, attended the meeting on behalf of our staff and commented positively about the welcoming atmosphere, the delicious cakes and about the number of 'new' faces seen. On behalf of the PTFA, I would like to thank Ms Winters, who is the Chairperson of the PTFA, for delivering a short presentation at the meeting, informing everyone of the outstanding fundraising work that the PTFA does, and what exciting things they have in store for 2023 - 2024.

This is a reminder that the **PTFA AGM** will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom. Again, everyone is welcome! At this meeting, the new committee will be voted in for 2023 – 2024.

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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