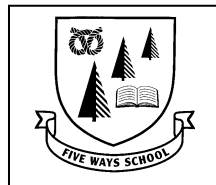


# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

29th September 2023

## Harvest

Pupils at Five Ways learn about Harvest Festivals and the positive impact they can have upon caring for others that live in our community. For this reason, I would like to ask families to support our annual Harvest Fundraising Campaign 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Parents' Evening

This is a reminder that parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October with Parents' Evening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

The online booking service is now available to access and will close on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm**. 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.

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 number, please contact the school office.



## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 – Menu week 2.

3<sup>rd</sup> October - PTFA AGM – 7.15pm  
KS1 Staffroom – *All welcome.*

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

10<sup>th</sup> October – Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' / World Mental Health Day  
(*Please see page 2 of the newsletter*)

13<sup>th</sup> October - Sibling Photographs –  
Tempest Photographers

W/B 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parent/Teacher  
Consultations

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

27<sup>th</sup> October - School Closes for  
Half Term (*Normal Times*)

6<sup>th</sup> November - School Opens

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

17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need  
Day (*More details to follow*)

24<sup>th</sup> November - Enrichment Day -  
International Day (*More details to follow*)

7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas  
Jumper Day in aid of Save the  
Children

7<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas  
Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

8<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas  
Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

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

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## Walk to School Month

Every October is International Walk to School Month which provides an opportunity for children to join hundreds of thousands of pupils across the globe, celebrating the walk to school. Staffordshire County Council support this campaign and as a school, we too, want to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage more pupils to walk to school.



For this reason, we are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in Walk to School Month this October. Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to school. For those who live too far away to walk the whole distance away, try parking 5 -10 minutes from the school and walking the rest of the way. Walking also promotes a less congested environment around the school gate making it safer for everyone. For more information, please see the poster sent home today.

### 'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day

I am pleased to inform you that on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 theme of the 2023 World Mental Health Day, set by the World Federation for Mental Health, is '**Stand Out, Show Up**', which encourages pupils to 'show up' and support one another.

The Young Minds campaign is known as 'Hello Yellow'. Therefore, on 10th 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. 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/>

### PTFA News!

**PTFA AGM** – Taking place on **Tuesday 3rd October at 7.15pm** in the KS1 staffroom. Everyone is welcome! At this meeting, the new committee will be voted in for 2023 – 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Bags2School – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – Please gather together any good quality items for re-use: men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. (No uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please.) Please use your own bin bag - extra bags are permitted; there's no limit! Please bring your bags to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and leave them under the canopy outside the main school office by 9.00am.

**Five Ways Lottery** – Tickets can be bought by following the link:  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school)



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