

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

10th November 2023

## Attendance

As it is now November, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of October. The percentage attendance for the whole school for October was 94.7%. Congratulations to Year 4 with the highest monthly attendance of 96.5% and to Miss Berry's class in Year 6, with a fantastic attendance of 98.3%. Well done everyone!

Reception	94.3%
Y1	93.2%
Y2	93.0%
Y3	96.3%
Y4	96.5%
Y5	95.0%
Y6	94.5%



As a reward for outstanding attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 4 who were the winning year group in October. Enjoy your extra playtime!

***Please remember, that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and most likely will result in a penalty notice being issued to parents by Staffordshire County Council. Thank you.***

## Welcome Back!

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break with your families and are looking forward to the many activities that we have planned before Christmas. These include taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, supporting Children in Need, conducting our first enrichment day of this academic year, entitled International Day and of course, watching pupils in their Christmas performances! This is just a taste of some of the wonderful activities that your children will be involved in during the next half term at Five Ways.



## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 13th November 2023 – Menu week 1.

W/B 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week

17th November – Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations

17th November - Children in Need Day – Children to wear an item of spotty clothing in exchange for a monetary donation to the charity (suggested amount £1.)

24th November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

7th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

7th December - Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

8th December - Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

11th December - Year 2 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall (*A – L surnames only.*)

12th December - Year 2 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall (*M – Z surnames only.*)

12th December - Year 1 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

13th December - Year 1 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

13th December - Year 5 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

14th December - Year 5 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

14th December - Year 6 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

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

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## Election of 2 Parent Governors

You will be aware that 2 Parent Governor vacancies became available on our Governing Body recently. I have great pleasure in informing you that following a ballot, Mrs Samantha Jenkins has been elected as a new Parent Governor and Mrs Amy Rowsell has been re-elected onto our Governing Body. Mrs Rowsell has a child in Year 3 and a child in Year 6, and Mrs Samantha Jenkins has a child in Reception. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hannah Holland, who was our previous Parent Governor, for her service to the Governing Body over the past years. We are very pleased that we have parents willing to contribute to the long term development of the school and support us in setting the vision for the forthcoming years. Parent Governors play an important role within the Governing Body by helping to shape our future and voice the opinions of parents. If you would like to speak to any of our Parent Governors, they can be contacted through the school office and their names are as follows: Mrs Amy Rowsell, Mrs Sue Jones, Dr Vicki Lloyd and Mrs Samantha Jenkins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all governors for their hard work and commitment to Five Ways and look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of everyone involved with the school.

## Children in Need



As you may be aware, it is Children in Need day next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

To enable pupils to understand the purpose of the event and to join in the fundraising, pupils are able to wear 1 item of spotty clothing on this day in return for a donation to the charity (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of spotty socks, a spotty hairband or any other spotty item. In addition, pupils will spend a lesson during this day learning about the work of the charity and the worthy causes it supports.

## Anti-Bullying Week

As you may be aware, next week it is National Anti-Bullying Week and pupils across the school will be taking part in activities to support this campaign. The theme this year is '*Make A Noise About Bullying!*' Pupils will be involved in discussions about the fact that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

## Target Run Nerf Event

I am pleased to inform you that 8 of our KS2 pupils participated in an inaugural Target Run / Nerf Throw event at Rugeley Leisure Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Redpath wrote, 'Split into two teams of four, our pupils demonstrated excellent archery, throwing and shooting skills when faced with various target challenges throughout the morning.' All pupils performed extremely well! Back Row (left to right): Liam Goggin, Layla Holdcroft, Alex Lloyd, Zack Lloyd, Jacob Davidson. Front Row (left to right): Grayson Brown, Jayden Jevons, Nancy-Marie Holden. Well done everyone!



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## Christmas Productions

We are once again approaching the Christmas season and our pupils and staff are beginning to think about their fabulous Christmas performances. Please find below a list of dates and times for each year groups performance. Year Leaders will contact you regarding specific details closer to the time if they have not done so already. I look forward to sharing the performances with you.



Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Reception	Thursday 7th December 2.15pm Friday 8th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 1	Tuesday 12th December 2.15pm Wednesday 13th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 2	Monday 11th December 2.15pm <i>(A - L surnames only please.)</i> Tuesday 12th December 10.00am <i>(M - Z surnames only please.)</i>	KS1 School Hall
Year 3	Tuesday 19th December 1.45pm Thursday 21st December 10.30am	St. John's Church
Year 4	Tuesday 19th December 10.30am Wednesday 20th December 1.45pm	St. John's Church
Year 5	Wednesday 13th December 2.15pm Thursday 14th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall
Year 6	Thursday 14th December 2.15pm Friday 15th December 10.00am	KS1 School Hall

### Five Ways Lottery

Well done to last week's winner! 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)

### PTFA News!

**Christmas Raffle** – Tickets are now on sale! Stubbs need to be returned no later than 1<sup>st</sup> December. Raffle to be drawn on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Wreath Workshop** – A wonderful opportunity to make your own Christmas wreath is scheduled for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. More information on ticket sales coming shortly.

**Christmas Bingo** – Taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. More details to follow regarding ticket sales.

### Walk to School Month

October was 'Walk to School Month' and families were asked to participate by leaving their car at home or by parking further away from the school so that more pupils had the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of walking.

Well done to everyone who walked to school during the month of October!

Please keep up these good habits by continuing to walk to school so that you can enjoy the health benefits and ease congestion around school at drop off and collection times!

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