

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

17th November 2023

Remembrance

All pupils and staff in school took part in a minutes silence at 11 o'clock on Friday 10th November to commemorate Remembrance Day. As part of their studies, I am pleased to report that some upper KS2 pupils have reflected on the events of the First and Second World Wars by creating poppy artwork. This artwork is on display at St Johns' Church and at Tesco, Hawks Green. Well done everyone!



Inconsiderate and Illegal Parking

It is with regret that the school has received further complaints about adults associated with Five Ways, parking illegally and inconsiderately at drop off and collection times. Car owners who do this show no regard for the safety of pupils and members of the community. They also have a negative impact upon our school's reputation in the local area. On behalf of pupils at Five Ways and local residents, I would like to respectfully ask that parents and other adults who park their car around school at drop off and collection times think carefully about where they park and if it is safe and polite to do so.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 20th November 2023 – Menu week 2.

- 24th November - Enrichment Day - International Day
 - 7th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
 - 7th December - Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall (*A – J surnames only.*)
 - 8th December - Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall (*K – Z surnames only.*)
 - 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 – Nursery – Amerton Farm Trip
 - 13th December - Year 1 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall
 - 13th December - Year 5 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall
 - 14th December – Reception – Amerton Farm Trip
 - 14th December - Year 5 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall
 - 14th December - Year 6 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall
 - 15th December - Year 6 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall
 - 15th December – PTFA Christmas Bingo Event – KS1 Hall (*More details to follow.*)
- Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.***

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Christmas Productions



This is a reminder of the dates and times for each year groups Christmas 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 (<i>A - J surnames only please.</i>) Friday 8th December 10.00am (<i>K - Z surnames only please.</i>)	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

International Day

On Friday 24th November, pupils will be taking part in our first Enrichment Day of this academic year. The day will be entitled 'International Day' and each year group will focus upon a specific country to learn about. Pupils will discover facts about their chosen country including typical foods, traditions and the culture. I look forward to sharing lots of photographs with you showing how much fun was had during the day. The countries being studied are as follows:

Nursery: France
 Reception: Italy
 Year 1: India
 Year 2: Japan
 Year 3: China
 Year 4: Greece
 Year 5: Mexico
 Year 6: Brazil.



Children in Need

Today was Children in Need day; it was lovely seeing pupils dressed in spotty items of clothing! I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the charity and look forward to informing you of how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.



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Fundraising

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Jones, who is a parent governor and a childminder for several children attending Five Ways, combined the 'Walk to School' month with 'Walk 100 for Cancer Research UK'. Together, this small group of children walked 118.7 miles collectively, during October and raised £145.00 for Cancer Research UK. This is an incredible achievement and one that all involved should be very proud of. The children who took part are as follows: William Jones, Tyler Simkiss, Layla Ilic, Lily Watkins and Amelia Watkins. Well done everyone!



PTFA News!

Christmas Jumpers – We still have lots of Christmas jumpers available to purchase. These are available to buy on the PTFA dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways for children and adults to wear over the festive period.

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

Christmas Wreath Workshop – A wonderful opportunity to make your own Christmas wreath is scheduled for Friday 1st December. Tickets go on sale on 17th November at 8pm, on the PTFA dashboard! www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways

Christmas Bingo – Taking place on Friday 15th December 2023. Tickets go on sale on 17th November at 8pm, on the PTFA dashboard! www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways



Be Bright Be Seen!

I would like to make you aware that November is 'Be Bright Be Seen' month. In school, we will be talking to the children about the importance of 'Being Bright and Being Seen' when they are out and about near roads, particularly at this time of year. We will be asking the children to remember:

BE BRIGHT – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – when it is dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it is the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It is good to fit spoke reflectors too.



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