

# Newsletter



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1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Attendance

As it is now December, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of November. The percentage attendance for the whole school for November was 91.8%. Congratulations to Year 4 with the highest monthly attendance of 93.4% and to Miss Berry's class in Year 6, with a fantastic attendance of 95.6%. Well done everyone!

Reception	91.3%
Y1	92.4%
Y2	89.7%
Y3	93.1%
Y4	93.4%
Y5	91.6%
Y6	91.8%



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 November. Enjoy your extra playtime!

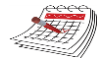
***Please remember, that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and most likely will result in a penalty notice being issued to parents by Staffordshire County Council. Thank you.***

## Year 1 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Day

We pride ourselves at Five Ways in that each year group supports a charity. We believe that this enables pupils to think about others that are not as fortunate as themselves. The chosen charity for Year 1 pupils this year is 'Save the Children'. In support of this charity, we are encouraging Year 1 pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and to donate £1 towards the charity. Thank you in advance for any donations received.



## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 4th December 2023 – Menu week 1.

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 and 14th December – New Reception 'drop-in' sessions 4.00pm / 4.45pm (***Please make an appointment for one of the sessions via the school office.***)

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

***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

## Bad Weather Procedures

As we move towards colder weather, please note the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary. In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link:

[School Closures - Staffordshire County Council](#)



**Year 5 and 6 Football News** On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, our Year 5/6 boys' football team participated in the first round of the Under - 11 Staffordshire County Cup competition, against Glenthorpe Primary School from Cheslyn Hay. Mr Redpath wrote, 'Our boys edged a pulsating encounter 3 – 2 in extra-time. A slow start on a difficult pitch saw Glenthorpe take an early 1 – 0 lead. However, bolstered by some outstanding saves from Oscar M, we witnessed a much stronger performance in the second half from our boys. 2 goals from Harry S and one goal from Bradley B saw the team march on into the next round.' Well done everyone! Back Row - left to right: Toby F, Elliot M, Joe I, Oscar M, Harry S, Bradley B and Jacob H. Front Row – left to right: Frankie C C, Dylan H, Charlie K and Logan K.



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## International Day

We had a fantastic time last Friday when we took part in 'International Day'. Here are the photographs of everyone having an enjoyable time. Well done everyone!



Pupils in Nursery boarded our Five Ways Airlines flight 306 to Paris. The children had their boarding passes ready, sat beautifully, and listened to the inflight safety measures delivered by the cabin crew. After arriving safely, the children were taken to a Paris cafe where they enjoyed a traditional French breakfast.

Reception pupils learned all about Italy. Each class made some healthy vegetable and cheese pizzas, designed and made Venetian masks, learned about the colours and shapes found on the Italian flag, and learned how to say a few words and phrases in Italian.



Year 1 pupils enjoyed learning facts about India and making their own Indian flag. Pupils learned about the elephant festival, 'Jaipur'. They enjoyed watching videos of the festival and designing their own elephant for this special occasion. Pupils also enjoyed tasting some traditional Indian food. Each class took part in a dance workshop, which showcased some traditional Indian dancing.



Year 2 studied Japan as their country for International Day. Children made Japanese hachimaki headbands and carp kite flags using collage techniques. Year 2 pupils also had fun learning some Japanese greetings and some children tried to write their names in Japanese writing. Some children made an origami spinner or a samurai helmet while others played Japanese games, had a go at Sudoku and listened to Japanese stories.



Year 3 pupils learned all about China. They made an amazing, colourful dragon model using many art and design skills, including weaving a paper strip body to make the dragon flexible. Pupils learned about the beautiful characters used in Chinese writing and made a bookmark with their own name, written in red and gold.

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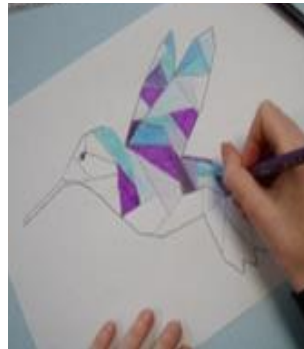
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Year 4 pupils studied Greece. The children found out facts about the country and about the Greek flag. Children learned about the Greek theatre and made their own Greek theatre masks. They watched several short cartoons of some of the more famous Greek myths and then made models of some of the monsters from the stories, including Medusa, the Cyclops and the Minotaur. Children also found out about mosaics and created their own mosaic coasters using small coloured tiles.



As part of International Day, Year 5 pupils celebrated all things Mexico! Pupils took part in lots of fun activities including: Chocolate tasting, Mexican mask making, and Spanish classes.

Year 6 pupils spent the day studying Brazil, which also linked to their geography topic for this term. The pupils enjoyed a range of different activities including: tasting juices made from a variety of rainforest fruits, an alphabet research challenge using chrome books and an art activity inspired by rainforest animals.



### **PTFA News!**

**School 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)

**Christmas Raffle** – Raffle tickets are now only available to buy via the PTFA dashboard [www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways). Raffle tickets are on sale until 15th December. Raffle to be drawn on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Jumpers** – We still have many Christmas jumpers available to purchase, especially ahead of the Year 1 Christmas jumper day! These are available to buy on the PTFA dashboard [www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways) for children and adults to wear over the festive period.

**Christmas Bingo** – Taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Tickets now on sale on the PTFA dashboard!

**KS1 and KS2 Christmas Neon Disco** – Taking place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Tickets and body paint now on sale via the PTFA dashboard!  
***Please note, tickets must be purchased in advance and are not available from the office or on the night of the discos.***



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