

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

15th December 2023

## Christmas Productions

Well done to Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 who completed their Christmas performances this week. All performances were outstanding! Thank you to all those adults who were able to attend and support our pupils; we received some wonderful feedback! I am also pleased to inform you that we received £196.97 in donations from guests who attended the Reception performances last week. This money will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital, which is the charity that Reception support. We continue to look forward to the performances still to come next week from Year 3 and Year 4.



## Parents' Evening

Please be aware that in line with Year 2 and Year 6, parent consultation meetings with classteachers and Parents' Evening during the spring term, will now take place during the same week for **ALL** year groups from Nursery to Year 6. This means, that parent consultations for everyone will take place during the w/b 29<sup>th</sup> January, with Parents' Evening being on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. More details regarding booking procedures to follow.

**Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day** I am pleased to inform you that Year 1 raised £63 for their chosen charity, 'Save The Children' though their Christmas Jumper Day last week. Well done!



## Bad Weather Procedures

In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils due to bad weather, 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](#)

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## Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning**  
**18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 –**  
**Menu week 3.**

19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 and Year 2  
Theatre Trip (*Lichfield Garrick Theatre – Beauty and the Beast*)

19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4 Christmas Service - 10.30am St John's Church

19<sup>th</sup> December Nursery, Reception and KS2 Christmas Dinner

19<sup>th</sup> December- Year 3 Christmas Service – 1.45pm St John's Church

20<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4 Christmas Service – 1.45pm St John's Church

21<sup>st</sup> December- Year 5 and Year 6  
Theatre Trip (*The Rep, Birmingham – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*)

21<sup>st</sup> December - Year 3 Christmas Service - 10.30am St John's Church

21<sup>st</sup> December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Dinner

21<sup>st</sup> December – PTFA Christmas UV Glow Discos KS2 Hall – **Ticket holders only:**

Year 1: 4.00pm – 4.45pm,  
Year 2: 5.00pm – 5.45pm  
Year 3 and Year 4: 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Year 5 and Year 6 7.30pm – 8.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> December – Nursery and Reception parties during the school day.

22<sup>nd</sup> December - School Closes  
(Normal Times)

## **January 2024**

8<sup>th</sup> January - School Opens for Staff and Pupils

*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 of the remaining Christmas Performances that are due to take place next week. We look forward to sharing the performances with you.

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



## Attendance and Punctuality

Did you know that punctuality is linked to attendance? If your child is late to school and misses their mark in the register this counts as an unauthorised absence. If your child is just 5 minutes late to school 3 times a week it will add up to 2 days across the school year. Sadly, it has come to our attention that attendance in school is being affected by an increasing number of children arriving late on a regular basis.

In liaison with the County Council Education Welfare Department, we will be looking to address these issues with a targeted programme to improve attendance including 'late gates', letters and meetings with parents. This programme will be led by Mrs Russell, our School Business Manager and a member of the Senior Leadership Team, who has responsibility for attendance. Mrs Russell will be supported in this role by Mrs Hensley, our School Liaison and Support Officer.

Our aim is to support parents by raising awareness of the impact of good attendance and punctuality on your child's learning. Some parents will have already received letters concerning lateness and attendance and further letters and meetings will be planned for the New Year. Please help us to help your child by ensuring they arrive at school on time and ready for learning.

## Nursery Places for 2024 – 2025

The New Year is a time when many parents consider which setting they would like their child to attend as they enter **Nursery** in **September 2024**. If you, or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age who would like to come and take a look at our teacher-led Early Years Provision, please make an appointment via the school office; I would be more than happy to show you around. Miss Kershaw, who is our Nursery Leader, will also be available to discuss what options are available for your child and to register your interest in taking up a place in our purpose designed Nursery. Please contact the office on 01543 278071 or via email on [office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk) We look forward to meeting you!



## 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)

**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 on sale until 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.55pm.**



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