

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

22nd December 2023

## Christmas Productions

Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 who completed their Christmas performances this week at St John's church. The services were made all the more special because of the beautiful setting that they took place in. Once again, the performances were tremendous and a privilege to watch. Thank you to all those adults who were able to attend and support our pupils and thank you to the staff involved for preparing our pupils so well.



## Merry Christmas!

I would like to congratulate all pupils on their achievements during the autumn term at Five Ways. I have been amazed with how hard pupils have been working during the term and have been very impressed with pupils' positive attitudes to their learning. I am extremely proud when I show any visitors around Five Ways because our pupils conduct themselves in such a sensible and mature way. I would like to thank all parents and staff for their support and commitment this term and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2024. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when school re-opens on Monday 8th January.

Well done everyone!

Merry Christmas

## Bad Weather Procedures

This is a reminder of the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary as a result of bad weather. 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](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/school-closures)



## Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning**  
**8th January 2024 –**  
**Menu week 1 of the new menus**  
**sent home.**

### **January 2024**

8th January - School Opens for staff and pupils

15th January – PTFA Meeting  
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (*All welcome!*)

18th January - Year 3 and Year 4 Theatre Trip (The Rep, Birmingham – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe)

26th January - Sponsor forms to be sent home (*More details to follow.*)

W/B 29th January - Parent/Teacher Consultations Nursery to Year 6 (*After School Appointments – Face to Face meetings.*)

1st February – Whole School Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm - Face to Face meetings.

W/B 5th February Sponsored Event (*More details to follow.*)

6th February – Safer Internet Day (*More details to follow.*)

9th February - School Closes for Half Term

19th February - School Opens for staff and pupils

29th February – KS2 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6.*)

7th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (*More details to follow however, pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.*)

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

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### Christmas Cards for the Elderly

This week, Year 1 children have written a Christmas card to an elderly person at Horse Fair Care and Residential Home, in Rugeley. Our children were given a list of resident names from the care home and they chose one person to write their card to. We hope that our cards will make the residents smile this Christmas!

### The Big Ambition – Have Your Say!

The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children’s Commissioner wants to take children’s thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young peoples’ voices on what they think needs to be done to make childrens’ lives better in England. The survey will be open until Friday 19th January. Children and parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



### Nursery Places for 2024 – 2025

This is a reminder that 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 and 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

**Christmas Bingo** – Thank you to all of the families who attended the bingo event last Friday. There was a wonderful atmosphere and great fun was had by all! Thank you to all of the PTFA volunteers and school staff who helped put on this enjoyable event.

**KS1 and KS2 UV Glow Discos** – Thank you to all of the children for supporting the discos; everyone looked as though they had a wonderful time! Thank you again to the PTFA volunteers and staff for the hard work when organising the discos and supervising children.



### 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)



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