

Newsletter



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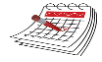
26th January 2024

Mathematics Enrichment Day and Sponsored Maths Activity

At Five Ways, we are passionate about raising the profile of mathematics so that all pupils are excited about their learning in maths lessons. To increase the profile of maths across the school, all year groups will be taking part in a Mathematics Enrichment Day, held on Friday 9th February, where the focus for learning for the whole day will be on active engagement and enjoyment of maths. Our pupils will also be carrying out their sponsored event during w/c 5th February. To complement our maths themed day, our sponsored event will also have a maths focus. A copy of your child's sponsor form has been sent home today and a description of the activity has been placed at the top of the sponsor form for your information. We would be grateful if sponsor money could be returned to school by Friday 1st March so that pupils can be consulted regarding how they feel the funds would be best spent to benefit them directly. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we do not want to encourage pupils to go from door to door to collect sponsors as this would compromise their safety. I would like to thank everyone in advance for supporting our sponsored event and look forward to informing you about what the funds have been spent on.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 29th January 2024 – Menu week 1.

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

9th February - School Closes for Half Term *Normal Times* (Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter themed chocolate or monetary donation – suggested amount £1.)

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.*)

15th March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day
(*More details to follow*)

15th March – PTFA Easter Bingo Event

21st March – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt taking place on the school grounds 3.30pm. (*Please note, that this event will now take place on the Thursday and not on the Friday.*)

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

Bad Weather Procedures



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:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/>

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Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements will be carried out in school on the 27th February. The checks are carried out by registered school nurses or trained health care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you **do not** want your child's height and weight to be measured, please let us know by **completing an 'opt out' form**. These are located in the school office.



Christmas Card Competition 2023

Five Ways took part in a Christmas Card Competition organised on behalf of Amanda Milling, who is the MP for Cannock Chase. We are delighted to announce that Charlotte Gray, who is in Miss Berry's class in Year 6, was a runner up in the competition, competing against children from all the local primary schools. Charlotte's design was displayed on the back of the printed Christmas card that was sent out to all the other MP's and the Prime Minister. Well done Charlotte!



Football News

On 19th January, our Year 5/6 boys' football team participated in the second round of the U-11's Staffordshire County Cup competition. Mr Redpath wrote, 'Against a strong Codsall Middle School team, our boys gave an excellent account of themselves throughout the whole of the match. The final scoreline was not a true reflection of two evenly matched sides. Special mention to goalkeeper Oscar M for some excellent saves, a resolute defensive display from Joe I, and a non-stop combative midfield performance from Harry S.' Well done everyone!

Back Row (left to right): Elliot M, Harry S, Oscar M, Joe I and Jacob H.
Front Row (left to right): Toby F, Dylan H, Frankie CC, Logan K and Bradley B.



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My School Fund Initiative

I am pleased to announce that our school is now part of the 'My School Fund Initiative'. This will help to raise additional funds for our school.

Parent's, guardians, and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on things they buy in participating stores, including Sainsburys and Argos. Simply visit www.myschoolfund.org to register for free and help to boost funding for our school!

Please see the flyer sent home today for more information.



Nursery Places for 2024 – 2025

This is a reminder that if you, or anyone you know has a child of Nursery age, and would like to come and take a look at our teacher-led Nursery Provision, discuss what options are available for your child, or register your interest in taking up a place in our purpose designed Nursery, please contact the school office or speak to myself as Headteacher or Miss Kershaw, who is our Nursery Year Leader. Please be aware that application forms for Nursery are available to access on our school website via the 'Information for Parents' tab, or alternatively by following this link: [Five Ways School \(fiveways-primary-school.org.uk\)](http://Five Ways School (fiveways-primary-school.org.uk))

The closing date for Nursery applications is Friday 15th March 2024.

Five Ways Lottery

Well done to last week's winners! Tickets can be bought by following the link:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school



PTFA News!

World Book Day Costumes – A reminder that the PTFA are now taking donations of any good condition outgrown World Book Day costumes you no longer need. Any costume donations will be shared on the PTFA Facebook page where they can be claimed if they can be made use of in preparation of our upcoming World Book Day event taking place on 7th March; this is where all pupils are asked to dress up as a famous book character or nursery rhyme character for the day. Donations for claimed costumes are welcomed but not essential. Please send any unwanted costumes (that are in good condition) to the school office. Thank you.

Easter Chocolate Bingo – 15th March - Full details of this event will be announced in the next couple of weeks. It is always popular and sells out fast. Please be aware that **Friday 9th February** is a non-uniform day in return for Easter themed chocolate or a monetary donation. (Suggested amount £1.)

Easter Egg Hunt – Thursday 21st March – Details for this event will be announced soon, so keep your eyes out for this too! (Please note that this event is taking place on Thursday 21st March and not on Friday 22nd March.)



Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies – To place an order, please visit the PTA Dashboard and select the 'Shop' tab followed by selecting the 'Uniform and Merchandise' tab. **Last day for orders is 9th February.**

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