

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February it is 'Safer Internet' day. At Five Ways, we want to educate our pupils about staying safe on the internet and whilst using mobile devices. Time on this day will be used to discuss how pupils can keep themselves safe. Please support us at home by discussing these issues with your children and ensuring they know how to 'stay safe' and report any concerns to a trusted adult.



## Attendance

As we have now started a new year, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of January. The percentage attendance for the whole school for January was 95%, which falls below our high expectation of 97%. Year 4 achieved the highest overall monthly attendance of 96.3% and Miss Lane's class in Year 4, achieved an attendance of 98.5%, which is outstanding!

Reception	94.9%
Y1	96.1%
Y2	94.2%
Y3	94.0%
Y4	96.3%
Y5	95.8%
Y6	94.2%

As a reward for attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Well done to Year 4 who were the winning year group in January. 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.***

## Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 –**  
**Menu week 2.**

W/B 5th February Sponsored Event

6th February – Safer Internet Day

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 (*Tickets go on sale on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb*)

21st March – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

***Further dates will be added 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/>

## Five Ways Primary School

Langholm Drive

Heath Hayes, Cannock, WS12 2EZ

Web Site Address: [www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk](http://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk)

Tel No: 01543 278071

Email: [office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

## Football News

On 26th January, our Year 5/6 girls' football team participated in the first round of the U-11's Staffordshire County Cup competition. Mr Redpath wrote, 'Against an experienced Perton Middle School team, our girls maintained an excellent attitude, in terms of team spirit, effort and application, throughout the match. After limited practice sessions, this was only the second time that our girls' football squad had played together in a competitive match this season. However, with such strong inherent values, our girls' football squad can only look forward to further footballing opportunities and events.' Well done everyone!



Back Row (left to right): Kendall-Rose B, Erin H, Holly H, Charlotte G, Yaroslava K and Evie P. Front Row (left to right): Imogen P, Avery M, Jessica A and Maisie P.

## NHS Advice - Measles

You may be aware from media coverage, that there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

For more information on MMR vaccinations, please see the NHS website by visiting the following link:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/)



## PTFA News

An amazing **£5114.70** has been raised by the PTFA in the autumn term.

Please see the PTFA letter sent home today for more information.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank all PTFA members and volunteers for their continued support and commitment.



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** is a non-uniform day in school in return for an Easter themed chocolate donation or monetary donation (suggested amount £1) for the Easter Bingo event. Please see the flyer sent home today.

**Volunteers** – The PTFA are looking for volunteers to help across the spring term events. To find out more about volunteering for spring events, please see the PTFA dashboard as you go through to ordering tickets, contact the PTFA Chairperson directly at [fivewaysptfa@gmail.com](mailto:fivewaysptfa@gmail.com) or make contact via the PTFA Facebook page.

**Easter Bingo** – 15<sup>th</sup> March and **Easter Egg Hunt** – 21st March – Details of these events are being finalised, so please keep your eyes out for full details!

## **Five Ways Primary School**

Langholm Drive

Heath Hayes, Cannock, WS12 2EZ

Web Site Address: [www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk](http://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk)

Tel No: 01543 278071

Email: [office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)