

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

9th February 2024

Sponsored Active Maths Activity

As you are aware, pupils took part in their sponsored event this week which had an active maths focus. All pupils had a wonderful time and enjoyed keeping fit and learning about numbers at the same time! 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.



Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning
19th February 2024 –
Menu week 3.



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 (*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 – Year 1 Easter bonnet parade - 2.45pm

21st March – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

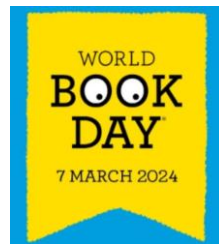
21st March – Peak Venture Meeting – 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of pupils in Year 5.*)

22nd March – School Closes for Easter break – Normal Times

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

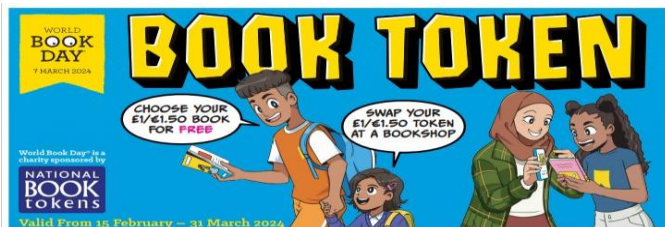
World Book Day

This is a reminder that our next Enrichment Day is approaching quickly. We will be taking part in World Book Day activities on Thursday 7th March when all pupils and staff are asked to come to school dressed as a famous book or nursery rhyme character.



This is advanced notice of World Book Day, so that you can begin planning your child's outfit for 7th March. In addition, the PTFA have World Book Day costumes available via their PTFA Facebook page, which have been donated and can be claimed. Thank you in advance for supporting such an exciting day in our school calendar.

Please be aware that every child has been sent home with a £1 Book Token today in recognition of World Book Day. The token can be exchanged for a £1 book at participating retailers and is valid until 26th March 2024.



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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Bag2School

We will be holding our second Bag2School event on Tuesday 27th February. Bag2School is an organisation that helps to recycle good quality clothing, shoes and textiles. The items are weighed and taken away for recycling. The school receives a payment based on the weight of the materials collected. This is an ideal opportunity to go through your wardrobes and get rid of any outgrown things. Please see the flyer sent home today with more information.

For this event, we will be trialling a new 'Drop off Point' system. On **Monday 26th February** from **3.45pm – 5.00pm**, the PTFA will be offering a 'Drop off Point' for donations that will take place at the main school gate entrance, off Langholm Drive. We would ask that you safely pull into the hatched area in front of the vehicle gate (vehicle gate will be locked) before getting out to unload your bags and leave them with the PTFA volunteers, who will then take them into school. This will save you having to bring donations on the morning of the event. We hope this organisation will encourage more families to take part in the recycling initiative. Alternatively, please ensure all donations are brought to school on **Tuesday 27th February** and placed under the canopy by the main office by **9.00am**.

We look forward to your support with this excellent recycling project.



Trim Trail and Outdoor Gym Equipment

This is a polite reminder that children are not permitted on the trim trail and outdoor gym equipment before and after school, as it is un-supervised by school staff. It is imperative that children are supervised at the end of the school day by the adult who is collecting them, so that they are prevented from going on the trim trail and the outdoor gym equipment and injuring themselves. Please work in partnership with us to keep our children safe.



My Happy Mind I am delighted to inform you that we will be introducing a program to all children at Five Ways called My Happy Mind. The program is for teachers, parents and children and is designed to help prepare today's children for tomorrow's world by building resilient, balanced and happy minds at home and at school. The program is designed for developing the mental well-being of children.

The program combines the latest research, science and technology to help children develop lifelong habits, and learn to thrive. Here at Five Ways, we believe that we should be equipping all children with the knowledge, skills and tools to thrive in the modern world.

My Happy Mind will be delivered in school by your child's classteacher through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

The program will be launched with all pupils during w/c 19th February. To further embed this learning, My Happy Mind has developed a set of resources for parents that can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The resources include activities for you and your child to do at home, to complement the in-school lessons. To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code which is: **124070** Please also see the My Happy Mind letter to parents and newsletter sent home today.

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Pre Loved Uniform

Cannock Chase Pre-Loved Uniform Market is back this February!

FREE Pre-Loved School Uniform for children who live or go to school in Cannock Chase!

The next drop-in market is open on **13th** and **14th February** at The Salvation Army, 7 Anglesey Street, Hednesford, WS12 1AB.

Tuesday 13th February – 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 14th February – 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm

The Pre-Loved Uniform Market is delivered by the Salvation Army Church and Staffordshire Libraries, supported by The People Helping People Fund, Community Fund, Staffordshire County Council, Tesco and Morrisons.

Donations of school uniform are gratefully received at drop off points: Cannock Library & Hednesford Community Library – during normal opening times and at The Salvation Army, Anglesey Street, Hednesford – Monday – Thursday 2pm-5pm.

For more information, please see the flyer sent home today.



World Thinking Day

The 22nd February is a very special day in the Girlguiding calendar. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have been marking this special day since 1926. World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide. It remains a day for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters around the world.

To mark this memorable day, we are encouraging any Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to come to school in their uniforms on 22nd February.



Five Ways Lottery

Tickets can be bought by following the link:

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

PTFA News!

Easter Bingo – 15th March and Easter Egg Hunt – 21st March – Details of these events have been sent home today. Remember to secure your tickets quickly for the Bingo event because it sells out fast!

Egg Decorating Competition – Please see the information sent home today. Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA dashboard. Please bring eggs to school on Monday 18th March ready for judging on 22nd March! Good luck everyone!



'Fiveways-a-licious' Wonka style Golden Ticket competition - Details of this event have been sent home. Chocolate bars are available to purchase until 3rd March and are £2 each on the PTFA dashboard: www.pta-events/fiveways .

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