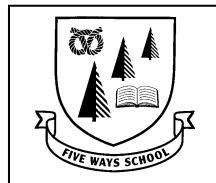


# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## Sponsor Money

Thank you to all those families who were able to return sponsor money in support of our Maths Day and active maths activities. Pupils will be consulted regarding how they feel the funds would be best spent to benefit them directly.



## Attendance

As it is now March, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of February. The percentage attendance for the whole school for February was 95%. Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 4 both with the highest monthly attendance of 96%. Congratulations also to Miss Lane's class in Year 4, with the highest class attendance of 97%. **Remember that at Five Ways, it is our expectation that all pupils have an attendance percentage of 97% or above.**

Reception	94%
Y1	96%
Y2	93%
Y3	94%
Y4	96%
Y5	95%
Y6	94%



As a reward for attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 1 and 4 who were the winning year groups in February. 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**  
**4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 –**  
**Menu week 2.**



7th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (*Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day. PE kits will not be required for today.*)

8th March – Class photographs (Tempest photographers)

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

15th March – PTFA Easter Bingo Event – Ticket holders only.

21st March – Year 1 Easter bonnet parade – 3.00pm KS2 playground.

21st March – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt 3.30pm on the school grounds.

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

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

8th April - School Opens for pupils and staff

18th April – Laches Wood Meeting – 6.30pm KS1 Hall (Parents of pupils in Year 6)

**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/>

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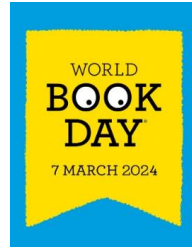
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### World Book Day

This is a reminder that World Book Day is taking place next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will be undertaking a variety of activities relating to books and reading throughout the week leading up to 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children are asked to come dressed as a book or Nursery Rhyme character on this day. Children should come to school in their costume on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and will wear it all day. I look forward to seeing your costumes on the day and I also look forward to celebrating books and reading throughout the week.



### Children Selling Items

Please be aware that children are not permitted to bring any items into school to sell to other children. We have found that a small minority of upper KS2 children are doing this and it causes issues regarding the exchange of money and items going missing, etc. Please support us by not allowing your child to take part in this activity.

### Class Photographs

Please be aware that class photos are taking place on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** by Tempest photographers. All children are expected to wear normal school uniform on this day due to photographs taking place. PE lessons will be rearranged for another day if this is possible.



### Five Ways Lottery

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)

Well done to last week's winner!

### Comic Relief Day

On 15<sup>th</sup> March, Five Ways will be supporting Comic Relief day as usual. Pupils are asked to bring their red noses to school on this day, and will be able to wear them during break times for a monetary donation. (Suggested amount of £1.) Pupils will also learn about the good causes of the charity during assembly on this day. Thank you in advance for all donations received.



### Nursery Application:

#### Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This is an important reminder that applications for your child's Nursery place ready for September 2024, need to be submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> March**. Application forms are available to access on our school website via the 'Information for Parents' tab, or alternatively by following this link:

<https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/school-information/admissions>



### PTFA News!

**Easter Bingo** – 15<sup>th</sup> March and **Easter Egg Hunt** – 21<sup>st</sup> March – Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard: [www.pta-events/fiveways.co.uk](http://www.pta-events/fiveways.co.uk) . Remember to secure your tickets quickly for the Bingo event because it sells out fast!

**Egg Decorating Competition** – Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA dashboard. Please bring eggs to school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March ready for judging on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Good luck everyone!

**'Fiveways-a-licious' Wonka style Golden Ticket Competition** - Chocolate bars are available to purchase until 3<sup>rd</sup> March and are £2 each on the PTFA dashboard: [www.pta-events/fiveways.co.uk](http://www.pta-events/fiveways.co.uk) .

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