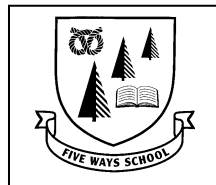


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

5th July 2024

Open Evening

It was lovely to see so many pupils and family members in school on Wednesday during our Open Evening. The Caroline Bowers annual Art Prize presentation ceremony took place in our Art Gallery, before our Open Evening commenced. It was a very special and unique occasion for staff, parents and our extremely talented pupils who were nominated to have their art work displayed in Caroline's gallery. We were very proud to welcome Mr Roy Bowers and one of his sons, Tom, who both attended the presentation; they were very impressed by the level of outstanding art work on display. I am pleased to announce that this year, there were 2 overall winners of the Caroline Bowers Art Prize 2024, due to both pieces of art work being outstanding. The winners were Emma Brown, who is in Year 6, and Mykola Koshevoi, who is in Year 5. If you have not already done so, please make a special visit to our dual purpose gallery and library to see all of the wonderful art work produced by pupils from Nursery to Year 6.

Pupils were also very proud to be selling their Enterprise products which were of a very high standard. I would imagine plenty of profit has been raised by each class to spend on a special treat for themselves before the end of term. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Open Evening and for creating such a wonderful atmosphere around school!



Emma and Mykola are photographed here with Mr Bowers, his son Tom, and myself. Well done to Emma and Mykola and to all of the pupils who have their art work displayed in our gallery.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning

8th July 2024 – Menu week 1.

8th July – Welcome to Year 1 Meeting – 6.00pm KS1 Hall
8th July – Welcome to Year 2 Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Hall
10th July – Transition Morning 9.30am – 11.45am – ***Please see the 'Welcome' letter from your child's new Year Leader***
10th July – Welcome to Year 3 Meeting – 6.00pm KS1 Hall
10th July – Welcome to Year 4 Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Hall
11th July – Transition Afternoon 1.30pm – 3.30pm – ***Please see the 'Welcome' letter from your child's new Year Leader***
11th July – Welcome to Year 5 Meeting – 6.00pm KS1 Hall
11th July – Welcome to Year 6 Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Hall
15th July – Nursery End of Year Show 10.30am Miss Kershaw's Class - KS1 Hall
16th July - Nursery End of Year Show 10.30am – Miss Mackley's Class KS1 Hall
18th July – Nursery and Reception Parties during the school day
18th July – Year 6 Leavers' Concert – 2.00pm KS1 Hall
18th July – Year 6 Leavers' Meal – 6.00pm – 7.15pm KS1 Hall
18th July PTFA End Of Year Discos Ticket Holders ONLY - KS2 Hall – Y1: 4.15pm – 5.00pm Y2: 5.15pm – 6.00pm Y3 & Y4: 6.15pm – 7.15pm Year 5 & 6: 7.30pm-8.30pm
19th July - School Closes for summer break - Normal Times

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Transition Arrangements

As a reminder, our transition arrangements this year are as follows:

- Welcome meetings will be held this term to ensure all parents have the opportunity to learn about the organisation, timetable, etc. of your child's new year group. The dates and times of 'Welcome' meetings are as follows. ***Please be aware that some dates have changed from the original dates published in September.***

Year Group	Date	Time	Location
Welcome to Year 1	Monday 8th July	6.00pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 2	Monday 8th July	7.15pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 3	Wednesday 10th July	6.00pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 4	Wednesday 10th July	7.15pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 5	Thursday 11th July	6.00pm	KS1 Hall
Welcome to Year 6	Thursday 11th July	7.15pm	KS1 Hall

- **Wednesday 10th July 9.30am – 11.45am** Your child will spend this morning in their new classroom with their new teacher. This will allow your child to interact with their new classmates.
- **Thursday 11th July 1.30pm – 3.30pm** Children will spend the afternoon with their new class, in their new classroom and with their teacher. ***Parents are asked to collect children from their new classrooms at the end of the afternoon and you are invited to come back into school to meet your child's classteacher.***

I would like to reassure you that all members of the teaching team will be doing their utmost to ensure this transition is a smooth one. 'Welcome' letters and information regarding your child's new classteacher for September were sent home on Monday 1st July from your child's new Year Leader. The letter contained a map so that you are able to locate your child's new classroom. In addition to the information already stated, the 'Welcome' letter also states the door that your child will be dismissed from at the end of each day and after their afternoon transition visit on Thursday 11th July.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's current classteacher if you have any concerns or questions regarding these arrangements.

Parents of pupils due to commence Nursery or due to move to Reception, have already received separate transition information.



End of Year Reports

A reminder that pupils' End of Year reports will be sent home on Friday 12th July. This year, we intend to send home reports electronically rather than by paper. Further details will follow regarding the electronic system to be used.

The Year 6 SATs results will be sent home to Year 6 parents electronically on 9th July, Following their release from The Government. Further details will follow regarding the electronic system to be used.



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Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Fereday, who is a Year 3 teacher. Miss Fereday and her partner, are proud to announce the safe arrival of a beautiful baby boy.

James was born on 30th June weighing 7lb 13oz.



Crossing Patrol

I would like to make you aware that Miss Davies, who is one of our crossing patrol team members, is leaving this role on 19th July, to concentrate on her role as one of our site technicians (caretaker). I would like to thank Miss Davies for her service to the crossing patrol. I would also like to reassure you that Staffordshire County Council are in the process of recruiting new crossing patrol team members.



Meal Costs

In line with the increased cost of ingredients from suppliers, Governors have agreed a 5p increase in the cost of our school meals, and a 20p increase in the cost of KS1 snack. From September, a Nursery school meal will cost £1.85, a KS2 school meal with cost £2.65, and KS1 snack will cost £1.20 per week. I am sure you will agree that this still represents excellent value for money, for such well prepared and delicious food.



Kitchen Environmental Health Check

The kitchen received an unannounced environmental health check last week, and I am pleased to inform you that we have been awarded 5 stars, which is the highest grade available! Congratulations to Miss Cooke, who is our Catering Manager, and to all of her wonderful team of staff. Well done!



Stage Show!

I am pleased to report that Sofia M, Elleah T and Mila W, who are all in Reception, performed at a stage show organised by their performing arts school. This was Mila's first show and Sofia and Elleah's 3rd; all three girls were amazing and showed so much confidence when performing! Well done girls, this is amazing news!



Safety in the Sun

In light of the warmer weather, please ensure sun cream is applied to your child before arriving at school and that they have a sunhat and bottle of water in school. Nursery and Reception pupils are supplied with drinks of water throughout the day and do not need to bring a bottle of water to school.

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Whole School 70th Anniversary Photograph

We are pleased to make you aware that our whole school 70th Anniversary photograph is now available to view and order via the following weblink: <https://http.st/380122->

Please include your child's full name to assist with the distribution from school. Order before 10th July for free delivery to school!



Attendance

As it is now July, I am able to provide you with the monthly attendance report related to June. The percentage attendance for the whole school for June was 93%, which falls below our high expectation of 97%. Year 1 and Year 4 achieved the highest monthly attendance of 94% and Miss Cattell's class in Year 1, and Miss Berry's class in Year 6, both achieved an attendance of 95%. Well done!

Reception	92%
Y1	94%
Y2	93%
Y3	93%
Y4	94%
Y5	91%
Y6	93%



As a reward for good attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 4 who were the winning year groups in June. 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.

PTFA Summer Fayre – This Sunday 7th July 11.30am – 3.00pm!

Summer Fayre – It is finally here! The Summer Fayre of fun, games and entertainment is just 2 days away! We are still searching for helpers to set up, run stalls and clear away afterwards. Anyone who is able to volunteer can just turn up on Sunday. We will be setting up from 8.00am. Thank you. Please see the programme that was emailed out earlier today, for full details regarding what is on offer at the fayre this year.



End of Term PTFA Discos for Year 1 to Year 6 – Thursday 18th July 2024

Tickets are on sale now! Please be aware that tickets can ONLY be purchased via the PTA dashboard and are not available to purchase via the school office. The deadline for purchasing a digital ticket is strictly **14th July**. It is important to stress that **NO** tickets will be available after this date and **NO** tickets will be available to purchase on the door. ***(Please be aware that Year 6 pupils, who are attending their Leavers' meal before the disco, still require a digital ticket for the disco, that has been purchased in advance.)***

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