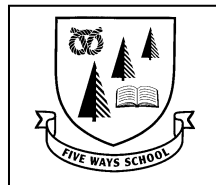


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

19th July 2024

Year 6 Leavers

This week, our Year 6 leavers have enjoyed an inflatable day, pizza and an ice cream van. Our Year 6 leavers have also enjoyed a disco and a Leavers' Meal however, the highlight of the week for our Year 6 pupils, was their Year 6 Leavers' Concert. All of the pupils performed to an incredible standard and put on an outstanding show!

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LUCK!

This cohort of pupils have been wonderful and have proven to have many talents and attributes for us all to be proud of. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing each and every one of them every success for the future. Good luck Year 6! Five Ways will certainly miss you.

Forthcoming Dates:

Week beginning
2nd September 2024 –
Menu week 1



19th July - School Closes for summer break - Normal Times

September 2024

2nd September - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

3rd September - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

4th September - School Opens for Pupils

Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September – Menu Week 1 – (Please see the updated menus for September, sent home today).

Dates 2024 – 2025

A list of important dates for the next academic year have been sent home today with this newsletter. Please be aware that the INSET days next year are:

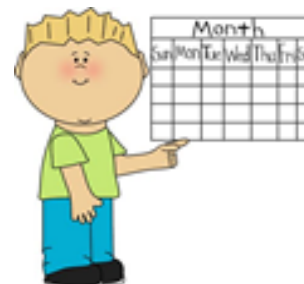
Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 20th June 2024

Monday 23rd June 2024

Monday 21st July 2024



Summer Holidays

Please note, that school closes for pupils on Friday 19th July, for the summer break. There will be an INSET day on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September and school will open for pupils on Wednesday 4th September. On behalf of everyone at Five Ways, I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school, and wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.



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School Books

Please be aware that your child may have come home with their school books from this academic year, during the final few days of this week. If your child does not bring home all of their books, please do not be alarmed. Some books have been retained for evidence purposes, and will be sent home at the October half term, 2024.



Stage Success!

I am pleased to report that Grace J, Isla F and Ivie F who are all in Year 2, performed at the Prince of Wales Theatre. This was for their stage school summer showcase which was a Rock show. The girls all performed exceptionally well and enjoyed the experience. Well done girls; this is amazing news!



Sporting Success!

I am also pleased to report that two of our Five Ways pupils achieved great successes in their sporting competitions. On Saturday, the Brazilian Jujitsu World Championships were held. Following from their National success, Ira B, who is in Year 6, won in her category becoming gold medal world champion and Grayson M, who is in Year 2, won a silver medal. This is the largest children's jujitsu event in Europe and it takes some real bravery to get into the ring at such a huge event. Their many hours of training has paid off. Well done to both of you; this is amazing news!



School Meal Costs This is a reminder that due to continued rising food prices, the cost of a school meal will increase by 5p and KS1 snack will increase by 20p following the summer break. From 4th September, KS1 snack will cost £1.20 per week, a meal provided by school for Nursery children will cost £1.85 and a KS2 meal will cost £2.65. Despite this increase, it is felt that the cost of a school meal still represents good value for money for a well-balanced meal and dessert.

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Football News!

Last Friday, our Year 6 boys' football team participated in the Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership competition. Mr Redpath wrote, 'In a pulsating final, our boys succumbed to a narrow 1-0 defeat to Jerome Primary School. The results outlined below reflect one of the best football team performances from Five Ways pupils in recent years:

Played: 8

Won: 6

Drew: 1

Lost: 1

Goals Scored: 13 Goals Conceded: 1

Goal Scorers: Frankie CC (4), Harvey M (2), Toby F (2), Joe I (2), Charlie R (1), Oscar M (1).

The magnificent attitude, effort and team work demonstrated by our Year 6 boys augurs well for their future football careers at secondary school level.'



Back Row (left to right): Milly Round (former Five Ways pupil and current Aston Villa and England player), Harvey M, Elliot M, Oscar M, Joe I, Charlie R.

Front Row (left to right): Dylan H, Toby F, Frankie CC, Jacob H. Well done everyone!

Sporting Success

I am pleased to report that Clark M, who is in Year 5, climbed Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales and England, in the amazing time of 2 hours and 30 minutes. Clark was faced with challenging weather conditions but still pushed through it and made it to the top! Clark has now set himself another challenge of climbing Ben Nevis early next year. Well done Clark; this is amazing news!



Name Labels

If ordering name labels for school uniform and shoes ready for September, please remember to use the following school fundraiser numbers, as the PTFA will earn commission from every order:

Stikins: 7350

www.stikins.co.uk

Mynametags: 30221

www.mynametags.com

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Get ready for Summer Reading Challenges 2024, 'Marvellous Makers'!



Your Local Library is calling all 4-11 year olds, parents, carers, and teachers!

Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's FREE to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays. In addition, libraries are offering a Mini Challenge for pre-school children. Children collect stickers on a special collector card for the books they borrow and read! Find out more information at;

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

There are also lots of other events for families to keep children busy over the summer including, dance explorers team, going on a bear hunt, fairy wings, summer sleepover, pebble painting, mini fantasy gardens and lots more. Other news and more information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/tmv857uw>.



Year 6 Sports Day Results

Well done to all Year 6 pupils who took part in their Sports Day this week. All pupils performed extremely well and demonstrated their amazing sporting talents. The winning team were the Green Team. The teamwork and positivity between all athletes was fabulous, regardless of the team they were in. Pictured here is Hudson K. Well done everyone!

Please remember that any photographs taken by family members during Sports Day, are for personal use only, and should not be uploaded onto social media sites if they contain children other than your own if you have not gained permission. Thank you.



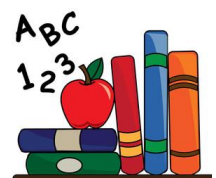
Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to complete our Parent Questionnaire. We really value your feedback as we begin to identify our School Development Priorities for 2024 - 2025. I look forward to sharing the outcomes of the Parent Questionnaire with you early in the autumn term.



'Welcome' Meetings

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers who were able to attend their child's 'Welcome' to their new year group meeting that took place during the last two weeks of term. I hope that everyone found the presentations useful and felt that they provided valuable information to support children when moving from their current year group to their next year group in September.



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Pre-Ordering School Meals from September

We are pleased to inform you that we have introduced a new way to choose school meal options, which will begin in September. Parents will be able to pre-order your child's meal on Parent Pay. You and your child can choose what they would like to eat from the menu in advance (3 options available), and always be assured that they have their preferred choice every day.

To help our kitchen with the ordering of food, please ensure you order the meals that you require in advance, and by the Monday of the week before, if possible.

If no meal has been ordered in advance (by midnight the day before), we will only be able to provide a sandwich meal on that day because school will not be able to accommodate your preferred choice. For more information including instructions on how to order, please see the letter that has been sent home today.

If you have any questions, or require a Parent Pay login, please contact the school office, or email admin@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Changes to the Law for taking Leave of Absence during Term Time.

You may be aware that the Department of Education made important changes to the law for families wanting to request leave of absence in term time. The changes made it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority and school governors support this; therefore, children will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances.

As a school, we are obliged to inform you that you may be subject to a Penalty Notice if your child's absence from school is unauthorised. This is in line with Staffordshire County Councils Code of Conduct and the "Working Together to Improve School Attendance" statutory guidance (effective 19th August 2024). The penalties for unauthorised leave of absence in term time will be:

For a **First** offence the Penalty Notice fine would be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to
- £160 per parent, per child if paid between 21-28 days.

For a **Second** offence within 3-years of the first penalty notice being issued, the penalty notice fine would be:

- £160 per parent, per child if paid between 28 days.

Following the second offence **every new offence within the 3-year period, will be prosecuted** under S444.1 of the Education Act 1996. I must advise you that if the prosecution takes place, the maximum fine is **£1,000 per parent, per child**. This reflects the seriousness of unauthorised absence from school.

Our key priority is to ensure that your child is as successful as possible and can achieve their full potential. I would hope that upon reflection, parents are able to support this decision, in line with the Local Authority and Government policy that leave should be planned for the 13 weeks school holidays except in exceptional circumstances.

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