

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Attendance

As it is now April, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of March. The percentage attendance for the whole school for March was 95%, which falls just below our high expectation of 97%. Year 2 and Year 4 achieved the highest overall monthly attendance of 97% and Miss Emery's class in Year 5, achieved an attendance of 98%, which is outstanding!

Reception	96%
Y1	95%
Y2	97%
Y3	95%
Y4	97%
Y5	96%
Y6	96%

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 2 and Year 4 who were the winning year groups in March. Enjoy your extra playtime!

**Music Festival in Memory of Mr McFarlane** Mr McFarlane was our music specialist teacher at Five Ways and taught music to classes from Year 1 to Year 6. As we approach the one-year anniversary since Mr McFarlane passed away, I would like to make you aware that we will be hosting a special music festival in his memory. The festival will be led by our school choir and will also provide an opportunity for other musically talented pupils to participate and showcase their skills.

The music festival will take place at Five Ways in the KS1 hall on **Tuesday, 3rd June at 6:30pm** and **Wednesday, 4th June at 6:30pm**. Tickets for the event are priced at **£5** each. Tickets can be purchased via your child's Parent Pay account from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be shared between the charity 'melanoma research' and the development of a lasting musical memorial at Five Ways in honour of Mr McFarlane.

## Forthcoming Dates:

### Week beginning

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 –**

### Menu week 1.



10th April – Year 1 Easter bonnet parade – 3.00pm KS2 playground.

10th April – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt - 3.30pm on the school grounds.

11th April - School Closes for Easter Break (*Normal Times*)

28th April – School Opens for staff and pupils.

w/c 28th April – Year 6 Laches Wood Residential (*4-night stay away in Coven, Wolverhampton.*)

**1st May – School CLOSED for all pupils due to it being used as a Polling Station.**

2nd May – Flip and Dippy Clown Show 6.30pm – 8.00pm (*Ticket holders only.*)

5th May - School Closed - Bank Holiday

6th May – PFTA Meeting – KS1 Staff Room 7.15pm (*All Welcome*)

7th, 8th, 9th May – Year 5 Dearne Valley Residential (*2-night stay away in Doncaster.*)

W/B 12th May - KS2 Assessments all week (***All Y6 pupils must be present.***)

23rd May - School Closes for Half Term

2nd June - School Opens for staff and pupils.

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

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## **Football News**

Five Ways boys took part in a football tournament against local rivals Heath Hayes Academy and Pye Green Primary School. Mr Ferguson wrote, 'Both games were played with a fantastic team spirit and outstanding competitiveness. Five Ways managed a very tightly battled 0-0 draw against Heath Hayes academy but unfortunately fell just short against Pye Green Primary School 2-0. All of the focus now will be towards the County Cup Final! All teachers associated with this boys' team feel very proud of their achievements and are sure that the future is very bright for every single player!' Well done boys!



## **Gymnastics Success!**

I am pleased to report that Alice J and Max W, who are both in Year 1 in Miss Heeley's class, recently participated in a gymnastics competition. They demonstrated their skills in routines on the vault, bars, beam and floor! Well done both of you, this is amazing news!



## **My Happy Mind**

An important part of life at Five Ways is celebrating the achievements of our pupils. You will be aware that as a school, we take part in the 'myHappymind' well-being programme to support pupils' mental health. As part of the programme, we hold half termly 'End of Module' assemblies where pupils who have engaged well in the myHappymind modules and have been an ambassador for the programme, receive a certificate in front of the rest of their year group as a celebration of their engagement. The pupils who have received a certificate this half term are listed here:

**Year 1:** Isla V, Lewis W, Amelie C

**Year 2:** Harley D, Leo A, Nellie K

**Year 3:** Max B, Ivie F, Orla S

**Year 4:** Harrison G, Frankie R, Phoebe S

**Year 5:** Willow P, Summer-Rose C, Nancy-Marie H

**Year 6:** Lexi P, Nixon S, Avery M.



Well done everyone! We are very proud of you!

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### **myHappymind Bronze Accredited School!**

We are extremely proud to announce that with help from our Year 6 School Council, Five Ways have achieved Bronze Accreditation for myHappyMind! We are now a myHappymind Bronze Accredited school! This means that as a school, we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities! We have created a whole school culture that helps children build resilience, confidence and self-esteem as well as teaching them how to self-regulate in those stressful times.

This Accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to the effort of our staff, children, governors and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappymind to life all around our school!

To learn more about the myHappymind for schools programme, visit their website here - <https://myhappymind.org/>



### **PTFA News!**

**Egg Decorating Competition** – Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA dashboard. Please bring eggs to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April ready for judging. Good luck everyone! Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April: [www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways).

**Easter Egg Hunt** – 10<sup>th</sup> April – Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April: [www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways).

**Flip and Dippy Clown Show** – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm – tickets are £4 each. Please purchase your tickets through the PTFA dashboard: [www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways).



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