

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

17th May 2024

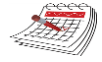
Strength of Our School Community

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the school community, for the kindness and compassion shown following the sad loss of Mr McFarlane. He was a highly regarded member of staff at Five Ways and will be missed greatly. It is a privilege to be the Headteacher of a school which has such a strong, loving and caring community of governors, staff, parents and pupils who are all supporting one another so well at this sad time. I have been amazed by the strength of the staff and children for the way in which they have conducted themselves today, and I would like to thank everyone for the kind words and thoughtfulness expressed towards them; the support received from parents has been tremendous. As a school community, I know that we will continue to support each other during the forthcoming weeks and months.

In the short term, a designated space at the front of the school close to the main office, has been set aside for people to lay flowers if they wish to do so; any cards with messages will be brought into school so that they do not become damaged due to possible rainfalls. Any cards or messages will be kept safe ready to pass to Mr McFarlane's family. In addition, a memorial book will be available under the office canopy at the front of the school, so that parents and children can leave messages of sympathy which I know will provide considerable support to Mr McFarlane's family. The memorial books will be accessible from Monday at 8.00am until Friday 24th May. The memorial book will be laid out from 8.00am each day until 5.30pm.

Retirement It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to Mr Painting, who is one of our Site Technicians (caretaker). Mr Painting will be leaving Five Ways on 24th May to commence his well-deserved retirement. Mr Painting has been a valued member of the team at Five Ways for many years and is popular with pupils, parents and staff, due to his cheery disposition! He will be sadly missed.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 20th May 2024 – Menu week 1.

23rd May – Healthy Lifestyle Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm on the School Field. All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 to wear their school PE kit to school on this day *(All families welcome!)*

24th May - School Closes for Half Term *(Normal Times)*

3rd June – School opens for pupils and staff

W/B 3rd June – Year 6 Laches Wood Residential *(4-night stay away in Coven, returning home time on Friday 7th June.)*

W/B 3rd June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 2 week period.

5th June – Nursery induction evening – 6.30pm KS1 Hall *(Invited parents only.)*

W/B 10th June – Year 1 Phonic Screening Test Week *(All Year 1 pupils must be present.)*

14th June – Year 6 Leavers' photos and whole school photograph to celebrate 70th anniversary since Five Ways was opened *(More details to follow.)*

17th June – Year 3 Sports 10.00am

17th June – Year 6 Sports 1.30pm

18th June – Year 4 Sports 10.00am

18th June – Year 5 Sports 1.30pm

19th June – Nursery Sports 10.00am

20th June – Reception Sports 10.00am

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

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Crossing Patrol

I would like to make you aware that Mr Russell, who is one of our crossing patrol team members, is leaving this role on 24th May, to concentrate on his role as one of our site technicians (caretaker). I would like to thank Mr Russell for his service to the crossing patrol. I would like to reassure you that Staffordshire County Council are in the process of recruiting new crossing patrol team members.



Healthy Lifestyle Evening

On Thursday 23rd May, we will be holding our Healthy Lifestyle Evening from 3.30pm until 5.00pm at Five Ways, on the school field. This event is aimed at providing families with all the tools you need to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. We have some local businesses attending to promote facilities and clubs they can offer to families in the local community. **Pupils from Nursery to Year 6 are asked to come to school dressed in their school PE kit on 23rd May**, so that they are dressed appropriately to take part in the Healthy Lifestyle activities that will be on offer after school. Please see the poster sent home today for further details.

We hope to see you and your family there!



Walk to School Week

This is a reminder that next week, we are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in 'Walk to School' week, commencing 20th May 2024. Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to and from school. For those families who live too far to walk all of the way, try parking 5 -10 minutes from the school and walk the rest of the way. Walking also contributes to a less congested environment around the school gates, making it safer for everyone.



Sporting Success

I am pleased to report that Harry S, who is in Mrs Gosling's class in Year 5, has been awarded a new under 11's contract by West Bromwich Albion after having another successful season playing for them. Harry has also won two premier league medals this season! Congratulations Harry, this is amazing news!



Well Done Year 6!

I would like to express how proud the staff and I have been this week of our Year 6 pupils. All pupils conducted themselves so maturely during their assessment tests; they remained calm and showed outstanding effort and determination, which was a privilege to see. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend with your family knowing that you have worked very hard and tried your best in your assessments! Well done everyone.



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Five Ways Lottery

Win a £1,000 Summer Getaway - or £1,000 Cash!

It is not too late to get away from it all this summer! Play Your School Lottery this May, and you will be in with a chance to win an amazing £1,000 holiday – or you can take the cash! Support our school before Saturday 25th May, and you could be a winner!

Help us do more! For every ticket you play, 74.2% goes to our school and prizes. £25,000 grand prize. Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!

Well done to last week's winners. Tickets cost £1. Tickets can be bought by parents, family members and friends, by following the link:

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



PTFA News!

Reception Induction Meeting – A huge ‘thank you’ to Amy Winters and Laura Finazzo for their help and support at the Reception Induction meeting that took place on Tuesday this week.

Summer Fayre – Sunday 7th July – 11.30am to 3.00pm – (Please note the earlier start time.)

The PTFA are hard at work as planning continues ahead of our fundraising event of the year. Please see the flyer sent home today. The next PTFA meeting (Tuesday 18th June 7.15pm KS1 staffroom) will be used to continue making arrangements such as entertainers, stalls, competitions, etc. If you would like to get involved, please let the PTFA know via the school office, or come along to the meeting.

Ice Creams and Lollies – We are excited to be able to offer a selection of ice creams and lollies after school next Friday. Join the PTFA from 3.15pm – 3.45pm on the field on Friday 24th May, Friday 14th June, Friday 28th June, Friday 5th July, and Friday 12th July. Please note that this is a CASH only event! More information will be sent home next week.



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