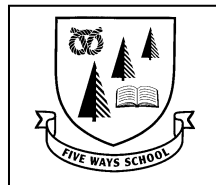


# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

4th October 2024

## Harvest

This is a reminder that we are hoping families will be able to support our annual Harvest Fundraising Campaign again this year. Suitable items to donate include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta/rice pots and pasta sauces, etc. Please send any donations into school with your child by **24<sup>th</sup> October** and their classteacher will arrange for them to be sent to our gallery to be displayed. Any donations will be much appreciated and will really make a big difference to local people in need. Thank you for your support.



**Attendance** As it is now October, I am able to provide you with the first monthly attendance report of the academic year. The percentage attendance for the whole school for September was 95%. Congratulations to Year 6 and Year 3 who have achieved the highest monthly attendance of 97%. I am also pleased to inform you that Mr Garner's class in Year 4, was the class who achieved the highest monthly attendance figure of 98%. Well done everyone!

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| Reception | 90% |
| Y1        | 95% |
| Y2        | 95% |
| Y3        | 97% |
| Y4        | 96% |
| Y5        | 94% |
| Y6        | 97% |



As a reward for outstanding attendance, the year group/s with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 6 and Year 3 who were the winners in September. Enjoy your extra playtime!

***Please remember, that it is our school's expectation that ALL pupils have an attendance percentage of 97% or above and that holidays during term time will unauthorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances.***

## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning 7th October 2024 – Menu week 3.

10<sup>th</sup> October – Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' / World Mental Health Day – **Pupils to wear an item of yellow clothing in exchange for a monetary donation – suggested amount £1.**

11<sup>th</sup> October - Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers

W/B 14<sup>th</sup> October - Parent/Teacher Consultations (*Face to Face after School Appointments*)

17<sup>th</sup> October - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments 6.00pm – 8.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> October - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

4<sup>th</sup> November - School Opens for staff and pupils

W/B 11<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week (*More details to follow*)

12<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom – *All Welcome*

15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day (*More details to follow*)

22<sup>nd</sup> November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

3<sup>rd</sup> December Year 3 & Year 4 Theatre Trip (Wolverhampton Grand Theatre – Beauty and the Beast)

5<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

6<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

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

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## Introducing Opal 'Fabulous Fridays'

We are really excited to share with you that as part of our OPAL journey, starting next week, we will be introducing 'Fabulous Fridays'. On these days, children will have the opportunity to have greater freedom in choosing where they play and with whom. During these 'Fabulous Fridays', children will be supported to have the opportunity to play with children in different year groups in safe areas of the school, that will be supervised carefully by lunchtime staff and school staff. Please be reassured that Reception pupils will remain on their usual lunchtime yard and older children will be invited to come and play with them if they wish to. Fabulous Fridays will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October.



In addition, parents are asked to complete an Opal survey ahead of us launching the project in its entirety following the half term break. The feedback gained from the parent survey will provide us with valuable 'baseline' data so that we can judge our progress overtime in terms of the children's enjoyment levels during their lunchtimes. The survey can be accessed via any mobile device as follows:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1H2MvcEbKzoqvbk6tGX0MHek3uWDQPwW4kJ5ionMpcwk/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1H2MvcEbKzoqvbk6tGX0MHek3uWDQPwW4kJ5ionMpcwk/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## ASDA Cashpot for Schools

The PTFA would like to thank those that have already signed up to the ASDA rewards cash for schools. Children should have already brought home a flyer which gives more details. It is completely free to join; simply download the ASDA rewards app and nominate Five Ways Primary as your chosen school.

The last day to sign up is **30th November 2024**. Every time customers shop with ASDA (using the ASDA Rewards app) ASDA will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to their chosen Primary School. In addition, for every customer who chooses Five Ways Primary, ASDA will put £1 into our school's Cash pot, and another £50 when our school's first 'opted-in' customer spends in-store or online!

Please share this information with your family and friends, and ask that they also nominate our school to receive rewards. I look forward to sharing with you how much we raise with 57 days still to go! I am pleased to report that **£225.27** has already been raised for the benefit of Five Ways pupils, which is incredible!

## ASDA Champion

Thank you to Sue, the ASDA Champion, who came to Five Ways and awarded our school a cheque for **£783**, which has been used to purchase some playground equipment including sit on scooters, bats and balls, role play building kits and play parachutes for the children to enjoy playing with when we launch OPAL during lunchtimes.



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### Vehicle Gate

This is a safety reminder that the vehicle gate at the front of the school SHOULD NOT be used by pedestrians due to delivery vehicles using this entrance to access school. Pedestrians are asked to use the main pedestrian gate at the front of the school or one of the gates leading from Chaplain Road or Hill Street.



### 'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day

This is a reminder that on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, the whole school will be supporting the Young Minds charity. This date marks World Mental Health Day.

The Young Minds campaign is known as 'Hello Yellow'. Therefore, on 10th October, all children are invited to wear an item of yellow clothing to supplement their school uniform, in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of yellow socks, a yellow hairband, a yellow t-shirt or any other yellow item. If your child does not have a yellow accessory or item of clothing to wear, they may choose to design a badge to wear, with the Hello Yellow Young Minds message on it.

In addition to wearing something yellow, pupils will spend a lesson during this day taking part in activities to raise their awareness of mental health issues.



### Holiday Club!

This is a reminder that JC Academy will be providing a holiday club for pupils during October half term. For further information or to book your child a place, please follow the link: [www.jcacademy.co.uk](http://www.jcacademy.co.uk)

### 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!

### Sporting Success

I am pleased to report that Poppy H in Year 6, obtained her black stripe in Tae Kwon Do recently. Poppy worked extremely hard to achieve this award. During her grading, Poppy undertook sparring, step sparring and pad work whilst being observed by a world master in Tae Kwon Do. Poppy trains twice a week and works very hard. Well done Poppy, this is super news!



### PTFA News!

The PTFA AGM took place this week at which the new committee was formed. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Amy Winters has been re-elected as our Chairperson and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with her to carry on the outstanding work of the PTFA. Other committee members include Ms Laura Finazzo as Vice Chairperson, Miss Elinor Walley as Treasurer and Mrs Joanna Gough as Secretary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PTFA for their hard work and commitment to Five Ways.

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