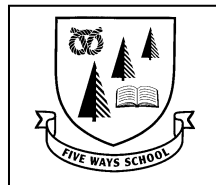


Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

18th October 2024

Height and Weight Checks for Children in Reception and Year 6

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements will be carried out in school on the 14th November. The checks are carried out by registered school nurses or trained health care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's height and weight to be measured, please **complete the 'opt out' form** that has been emailed home today and **return it by email to admin@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk by Friday 8th November.**

Harvest Thank you to all those families who have shown their support towards our Harvest Campaign by donating food. This is a reminder that **Thursday 24th October** is the final date for bringing in any donations.



Parents' Evening Many parents have attended consultation appointments this week to discuss their child's progress with their classteacher. It was lovely to see so many parents in school working in partnership with the teachers to promote the best possible outcomes for our children and to hear the many lovely comments made by parents. Thank you everyone!



Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Ball, who was one of our Reception teachers last year. Mrs Ball and her husband, are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy. Nathan Craig was born on 8th October, weighing 8lb 1oz.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
21st October 2024 –
Menu week 2.

23rd October – Non-uniform Day in exchange for OPAL toy donations (***Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more information.***)

25th October - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

1st November – Deadline for placing Christmas Card/Merchandise Orders Online (***Please see your child's Christmas card design sent home last Friday.***)

4th November - School Opens for staff and pupils

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

12th November – PTFA Meeting – 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom – *All Welcome!*

15th November - Children in Need Day (*More details to follow*)

22nd November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

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

5th December – Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

6th December – Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

9th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall (A – L Surnames only)

9th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall (M – Z Surnames only)

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

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OPAL News!

Last Friday, we launched our OPAL lunchtimes with our first 'Fabulous Friday', where children from Reception to Year 6 had the opportunity to play with children from different year groups and explore different areas of the school grounds. The lunchtime was a great success and there was a real buzz of excitement around school. This was the first step towards 'amazing playtimes, for every child, every day'.

As staff, we saw some super examples of our older children nurturing younger children and leading circle games and dance routines for our KS1 children. Children were excited to find and play with their siblings and the behaviour of all of our children was exemplary.

This is what some children had to say following our first 'Fabulous Friday':
'That's the best lunchtime I've ever had!'

'I think I've done 10,000 steps!'

'I liked it because I got to see friends in other year groups.'

'I got to play with a girl from Year 3 and I went on all the playgrounds!'

'I liked choosing which playground to play on and I could see the field!'

I look forward to sharing further updates and photographs of our children taking part in our next few 'Fabulous Fridays'.

OPAL Non-School Uniform Day

I would like to thank all members of the school community who have donated loose parts towards our OPAL project. However, to bring OPAL to life at Five Ways, we need more unwanted toys that are in good condition. For this reason, we will be having a non-uniform day for ALL children from Nursery to Year 6 children on **Wednesday 23rd October**, in exchange for donations for our OPAL lunchtimes.

We are asking for donations of the following toys please:

- Lego bricks (recommended minimum donation 5)
- Duplo bricks (recommended minimum donation 5)
- Plastic action figures, e.g. Marvel
- Plastic dolls
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Small toy cars
- Dressing up items.

Children need to take their donation to their classroom on **Wednesday 23rd October**, where there will be a collection point set up. Thank you for all your support with our OPAL journey!

Sporting Success!

I am pleased to report that Zara P, who is in Year 1 Miss Wilson's class, took part in her first gymnastics competition at the weekend. Well done Zara, this is super news!



PTFA News!

Christmas Cards and Merchandise - With only 9 weeks until Christmas, the PTFA are pleased to announce that parents are able to purchase Christmas cards and merchandise that have been designed by their children. Pupils have already completed their 2024 Christmas card designs within school which were sent home last week. Please refer to the Christmas card proof that was sent home, as this contains all the information required to order your child's Christmas cards and merchandise. The deadline for orders to be placed is **1st November 2024**.

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