

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

15th November 2024

Our School 70th Anniversary

This year, it is a very special year for everyone at Five Ways Primary School as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary since the school opened in 1954.

To mark this special occasion, we will be holding a 70th Anniversary Enrichment Day on Friday 29th November. During the day, the pupils will learn about the history of Five Ways and our local area; complete some commemorative artwork, create a whole school time capsule and take part in other exciting celebratory activities.

As part of the day, we would like to share photographs and memories of both Five Ways Primary School and Heath Hayes with the children. These photographs and memories will be included in a commemorative 70th Anniversary scrapbook which we will share with the children. We would also welcome any volunteers who would be willing to come into school on Friday 29th November, to talk to the children directly about their fondest memories and to share how the school/local area has changed over the years.

Please email photographs or memories that we could share with the children to the especially dedicated email address:

anniversary@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk

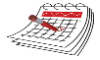
We are really looking forward to Friday 29th November to celebrate our 70th Anniversary, and

I look forward to sharing photographs from the day and making new memories for our pupils to remember in years to come.



Thank you! On behalf of Five Ways, I would like to thank Mr Churms, who is a Reception parent, for donating the promotional banners advertising our Early Years provision. The banners are displayed with pride, on our school railings.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 18th November 2024 – Menu week 2.

22nd November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*See Page 2 of the Newsletter*)

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*)

10th December – Year 2 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall (*M – Z surnames only*)

10th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

11th December – Year 1 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

11th December – Year 6 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

12th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

12th December – Year 6 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

12th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

13th December – Year 5 Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

16th December – Year 3 Christmas Service – 10.00am St John's Church

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

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Christmas Productions

(Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the dates for the Year 5 and Year 6 performances have changed. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.)



The dates and times for each year groups Christmas performance are detailed below. Year Leaders will contact you regarding specific details closer to the time if they have not done so already. I look forward to sharing the performances with you.

| Year Group | Date and Time | Venue |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Reception | Thursday 5th December 2.15pm Friday 6th December 10.00am | KS1 School Hall |
| Year 1 | Tuesday 10th December 2.15pm Wednesday 11th December 10.00am | KS1 School Hall |
| Year 2 | Monday 9th December 2.15pm (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Tuesday 10th December 10.00am (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>) | KS1 School Hall |
| Year 3 | Monday 16th December 10.00am (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Thursday 19th December 1.45pm (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>) | St John's Church |
| Year 4 | Wednesday 18th December 1.45pm (<i>A - L surnames only please.</i>) Thursday 19th December 10.30am (<i>M - Z surnames only please.</i>) | St John's Church |
| Year 5 | Thursday 12th December 2.15pm Friday 13th December 10.00am | KS1 School Hall |
| Year 6 | Wednesday 11th December 2.15pm Thursday 12th December 10.00am | KS1 School Hall |

International Day

On Friday 22nd November, pupils will be taking part in our first Enrichment Day of this academic year. The day will be entitled 'International Day' and each year group will focus upon a specific country to learn about. Pupils will discover facts about their chosen country including typical foods, traditions and the culture. I look forward to sharing lots of photographs with you showing how much fun was had during the day. The countries being studied are as follows:

Nursery: France
 Reception: Italy
 Year 1: India
 Year 2: Japan
 Year 3: France
 Year 4: Greece
 Year 5: Mexico
 Year 6: Brazil



Children in Need

Today was Children in Need day; it was lovely seeing pupils dressed in spotty items of clothing! I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the charity and look forward to informing you of how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.



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OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Children and staff have had an amazing time at school this week, as we started having OPAL every day from Wednesday 13th November. We had dressing up clothes, jumbo chinks, lego and duplo all available on the yards for children to play with during their lunch hour period. We also had 2 speakers playing music that was tuned into the 'Fun Kids' radio station. The atmosphere on the yards was electric! Members of the Play Team (originally known as Lunchtime Supervisors) stated that they had never seen the children this happy before during their lunch time; they described it as being like Christmas morning due to the excitement that was created! The fancy dress clothes were very popular, we even had KS2 children trying to squeeze into dinosaur outfits! I am sure parents have noticed some of the amazing art work on the playgrounds that has been created by the chinks! I am sure that you will agree, that the photos below are evidence of the fun that was had during outdoor play. We look forward to developing our OPAL programme further and introducing more play equipment / loose parts as we build up our resources and introduce the use of more areas of the school site such as our school field. I will look forward in updating parents as we progress through the term.



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Football News

I am pleased to inform you that our undefeated Year 5/6 boys' football team ventured to Kingsmead on the last two Wednesdays to participate in a Kingsmead Primary Football League tournament. Mr Ferguson wrote, 'We competed against Hazel Slade, Pye Green and Heath Hayes. The boys played 4 games in total, winning 1 and drawing 3. We absolutely should have won and scored more however, the ball just seemed to magnet to our opponents' goalkeeper's hands. The boys were an absolute credit to our school, showing true sportsmanship, excellent teamwork and resilience, especially as it got darker and visibility became poorer. Thank you to our supporters who came along too!' Well done everyone!



Be Bright Be Seen!

I would like to make you aware that November is 'Be Bright Be Seen' month. In school, we will be talking to the children about the importance of 'Being Bright and Being Seen' when they are out and about near roads, particularly at this time of year. We will be asking the children to remember:

BE BRIGHT – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – when it is dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it is the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It is good to fit spoke reflectors too.

PTFA News! Reindeer Run Medals - Optional medals are available at a cost of £2.50 and are on sale until 15th November. Medals are available to buy on the PTFA dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways

Christmas Jumpers – We still have lots of Christmas jumpers available to purchase. These are available to buy on the PTFA dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways for children and adults to wear over the festive period.

Christmas Reindeer Workshop – A wonderful opportunity to make your own Christmas Reindeer is scheduled for Friday 29th November at 6.30pm in the KS1 Hall. Tickets are now on sale on the PTFA dashboard!
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