

Newsletter



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6th December 2024

Christmas Productions



Well done to Reception who completed their Christmas performances this week. Both performances were super and reminded us about the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all those adults who were able to attend and support our pupils; we received some lovely feedback!

We continue to look forward to the performances still to come next week from Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.

Attendance

As it is now December, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of November. The percentage attendance for the whole school for November was 93%. Congratulations to Year 4 with the highest monthly attendance of 96% and to Mr Garner's class in Year 4, with a fantastic attendance of 97%. Well done everyone!

Reception	92%
Y1	91%
Y2	93%
Y3	93%
Y4	96%
Y5	92%
Y6	94%



As a reward for outstanding attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 4 who were the winning year group in November. Enjoy your extra playtime!

Please remember, that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and most likely will result in a penalty notice being issued to parents by Staffordshire County Council. Thank you.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 9th December 2023 – Menu week 2.

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

10th December – Reception trip to Amerton Farm

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

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

10th and 11th December – New Reception 'drop-in' sessions 4.00pm / 4.45pm (***Please make an appointment for one of the sessions via the school office.***)

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

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

12th December – Nursery trip to Amerton Farm

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

13th December – PTFA Family Quiz Event – KS1 Hall. Doors open 6.00pm Quiz begins 6.30pm (***Ticket holders only.***)

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

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Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas lunch soon. Pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their lunch on Wednesday 18th December. Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 2 will be having their lunch on Thursday 19th December.



Year 1 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Day

We pride ourselves at Five Ways in that each year group supports a charity. We believe that this enables pupils to think about others that are not as fortunate as themselves. The chosen charity for Year 1 pupils this year is 'Save the Children'. In support of this charity, we are encouraging Year 1 pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Thursday 12th December and to donate £1 towards the charity. Thank you in advance for any donations received



Bad Weather Procedures

This is a reminder of the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary in the event of heavy snow. In the unusual event that school is unable to open for children, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link: [School Closures - Staffordshire County Council](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/school-closures)



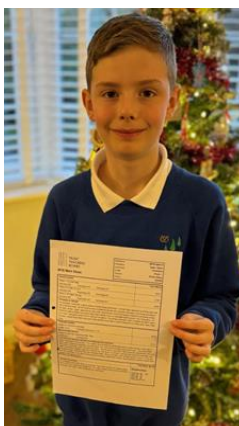
Reporting an Absence If your son or daughter is absent, we would be grateful if you could let us know before 8.45am on the morning of their absence. Please email attendance@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk Thank you.

Buddy Bench Winners

As part of our support for the Young Minds Charity, our school were entered into the 'Hello Yellow' prize draw. Fortunately, we were chosen and have received a superb 'Buddy Bench' from Marks and Spencer, who have partnered up with Young Minds this year. Their 'Buddy Benches' are designed to provide a place in school where pupils can take a pause, chat and open up about how they are feeling. The bench has been placed on the Key Stage 1 playground for our children to enjoy.

Music Success!

I am pleased to report that Isaac T, who is in Miss Emery's class in Year 5, has just completed his Grade 1, Trombone exam. Isaac completed several elements for his exam, including recitals, note reading, scales, and technical exercises. Isaac scored highly in each section and has passed his Grade 1 with distinction which is fantastic news! Congratulations Isaac, this is amazing!



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70th Anniversary

We had an amazing time last Friday when we celebrated our 70th Anniversary since Five Ways School opened. Here are the photographs of everyone having a lovely time.



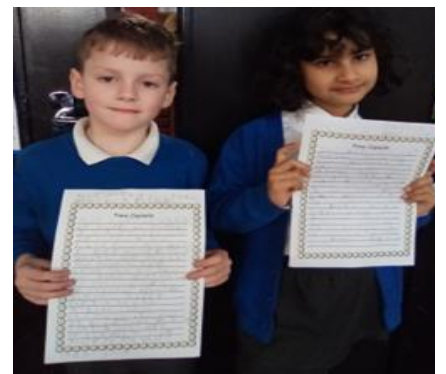
Nursery celebrated our big birthday with a party morning! They made party hats, played games and enjoyed some delicious party food!



The children in Reception enjoyed celebrating our 70th birthday as well. Using the loose parts, they made the number 70 in lots of different ways. The children were very excited to see pictures of their classrooms being built and enjoyed talking about how Five Ways had changed over the years. Well done everyone!



As part of a whole school project, Year 1 made their own self portrait using Pop Art. Here is Olivia, Harlee, Mila and Ava with their portraits. We cannot wait to see the finished collaboration in the Key Stage 2 Hall very soon!



To celebrate our 70th birthday, some children in Year 2 wrote about themselves for the time capsule challenge. They also found out about the history of our school and went for a walk to look at our buildings and grounds. Children designed a celebration cupcake and enjoyed eating one too! We also contributed to our whole school Pop Art project and created our own face in a Pop Art style.

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Year 3 children had a fantastic time too. They took on the role of a surveyor and focussed on the different materials the school site was made out of, considering the reason why these materials were selected. Each class completed a geometric piece of artwork based on the number 70. Each class were visited by Mrs Whitehouse, who was a former pupil who attended Five Ways! She shared her memories of the school and enjoyed telling the children about the school pets, including a donkey named Jenny.

Year 4 children spent their day learning about the history of Five Ways. The children enjoyed looking at old photos and discussing how the school had changed so much in the past 70 years! They spoke about similarities and differences between the school building now and the school building in the past. During the morning, they had a visit from Mrs Whitehouse, who used to attend Five Ways as a child. The children enjoyed listening to her stories about Jennie the Donkey and the previous headmaster, Mr Hancock. The Year 4 children created some beautiful pieces of collaborative artwork to celebrate the occasion and spent time during the week commencing 2nd December, preparing a piece of writing titled, 'A Day in the life of a child at Five Ways' to be placed into the Five Ways Time Capsule.



Year 5 enjoyed their celebrations too! Children completed a walking tour of the school grounds and compared and contrasted the different buildings around the site. They compared school logos past and present and designed their own. Mrs Lindsay's class also had a visit from our school Governor, Mrs Labon, who shared some wonderful memoirs and photographs of her time as a pupil at Five Ways. Year 5 children also made the number 70 out of 70 items around the classroom. Well done everyone!

Year 6 enjoyed creating their part of the collaborative, whole-school piece of artwork to mark our celebrations. Year 6 created the number 70 out of books they are currently reading to help celebrate our 70th birthday. What is a birthday without cake! Here are Year some Year 6 children enjoying a cupcake at the end of the day, kindly made by our school catering team.



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This is a reminder of the dates and times of the remaining Christmas Performances that are due to take place next week. We look forward to sharing the performances with you.



Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
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

PTFA News!

Christmas Jumpers – We still have many Christmas jumpers available to purchase, especially ahead of the Year 1 Christmas jumper day taking place next week on Thursday 12th December! Christmas jumpers 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 Family Quiz Night – Taking place on **Friday 13th December at 6.30pm - 8.30pm**. Doors open at 6.00pm in the KS1 Hall. Up to 6 players in a team. Tickets are priced at £3.50 each and can be purchased via the dashboard www.pta-events.co.uk/Fiveways.

KS1 and KS2 Christmas UV Neon Disco – Taking place on **Thursday 19th December**. Tickets are now on sale via the PTFA dashboard until midnight on 17th December!



Year 1: 4.15pm – 5.00pm

Year 2: 5.15pm – 6.00pm

Year 3 and Year 4: 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Year 5 and Year 6: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Please note, disco tickets must be purchased in advance and are not available from the office or on the night of the discos.

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