

# Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

7th February 2025

## Sponsored Active Maths Activity

As you are aware, pupils took part in their sponsored event this week which had an active maths focus. All pupils had a wonderful time and enjoyed keeping fit and learning about numbers at the same time! We would be grateful if sponsor money could be returned to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March so that we can begin planning for the development of a large sandpit on our school grounds for all children to play in during their lunchtime period.



## Forthcoming Dates:

**Week beginning**  
**10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 –**  
**Menu week 3.**



11th February – Safer Internet Day  
(Please see page 2 of this Newsletter.)

13th February – PTFA Silent Disco  
KS2 Hall – **Ticket holders only:**  
Year 1: 4:15pm – 5:00pm  
Year 2: 5:15pm – 6:00pm  
Year 3 & Year 4: 6:15pm – 7:15pm  
Year 5 & Year 6: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

14<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for Half Term (Normal Times) **Non-uniform day** in exchange for Easter themed hamper item or monetary donation – suggested amount £1.

24th February - School Opens for staff and pupils

25th February – PTFA Meeting  
7.15pm KS1 Staffroom (All welcome!)

6th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.)

12th March – KS2 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (Parents of children in Year 6.)

14th March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day (More details to follow.)

27th March – Year 6 Latches Wood Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (Parents of children in Year 6.)

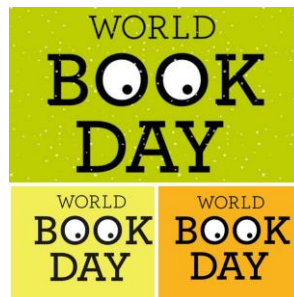
3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 5 Meeting Dearne Valley 6.30pm KS1 Hall (Parents of children in Year 5.)

4<sup>th</sup> April – PTFA Easter Bingo Event (More details to follow)

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

## World Book Day

This is a reminder that our next Enrichment Day is approaching quickly. We will be taking part in World Book Day activities on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March when all pupils and staff are asked to come to school dressed as a famous book or nursery rhyme character.



This is advanced notice of World Book Day, so that you can begin planning your child's outfit for 6<sup>th</sup> March. In addition, the PTFA have World Book Day costumes available via their PTFA Facebook page, which have been donated and can be claimed.

**The theme this year for World Book Day is 'Read Your Way'. It would be lovely if your child could bring in to school a photograph of them reading in a place that they love or in an unusual place, for us to share in school during World Book Day.**

Please be aware that every child has been sent home with a £1 Book Token today in recognition of World Book Day. The token can be exchanged for a £1 book at participating retailers and is valid from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 until 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.



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## Attendance

As we have now started a new year, I am able to provide you with the attendance report for the month of January. The percentage attendance for the whole school for January was 96%, which falls just below our high expectation of 97%. Year 2 achieved the highest overall monthly attendance of 98% and Miss Berry's class in Year 6, achieved an attendance of 99%, both of which are outstanding!

Reception	96%
Y1	96%
Y2	98%
Y3	94%
Y4	96%
Y5	96%
Y6	97%

As a reward for attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Well done to Year 2 who were the winning year group in January. 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.***

## Bad Weather Procedures

In the event that school is unable to open due to bad weather conditions, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity and a notice will be uploaded onto our school website.



## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February it is 'Safer Internet' day. At Five Ways, we want to educate our pupils about staying safe on the internet and whilst using mobile devices. Time on this day will be used to discuss how pupils can keep themselves safe. Please support us at home by discussing these issues with your children and ensuring they know how to 'stay safe' and report any concerns to a trusted adult.



## PTFA News

**KS1 and KS2 Silent Discos** – Taking place on **Thursday 13th February**. Tickets cost £3.50 and are now on sale via the PTFA dashboard [www.pta-events.co.uk/Fiveways](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/Fiveways) Please note, tickets must be purchased in advance, and are **only on sale until midnight on the 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Unfortunately, disco tickets are **NOT** available from the school office or via the door on the night of the disco. Times are as follows: Year 1 – 4:15pm – 5:00pm, Year 2 – 5:15pm – 6:00pm, Years 3 and 4 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm, Years 5 and 6 – 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

Please be aware that **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** is a non-uniform day in school in exchange for an Easter themed chocolate donation or monetary donation (suggested amount £1) for the Easter Bingo event. Please see the flyer sent home today with more information



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