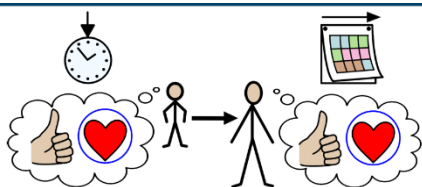




Newsletter

Autumn 1

2023



"What does a good life look like for me
now and in the future"



Message from Swavek

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our autumn term 1 newsletter. I hope that you'll find information provided interesting and informative.

It is almost 18 months since we launched our first half-termly newsletter. We would be very interested to hear your views; do you find it useful and is the format and the content of the newsletter right. After half-term break, we will send you a short survey to gather your opinions. In the meantime, I welcome your feedback via email or in person. If you would like to let us know your thoughts, please send email to office@fiveways.school

As you all know we conduct an annual parent survey usually around February. In the last few years, we had around 40% of parents responding. The feedback that we gather provides the basis for school developments in the following academic year. To give you all a better opportunity to share with us your views about the school and your children's education. We are proposing that in the future the surveys take place after your child's annual review meeting. Our SENCo Kirstie Kerr will facilitate the time for you to complete this annual survey. Once we have collected all parent/carers views across the academic year we will be able to share the outcomes with you June or July 2024. This will be a trial for us, and once again your feedback and comments will be very welcomed.

I just wanted to bring to your attention the school website. We recently updated the Child Protection policy and Adult Safeguarding policy that you can access via the school website. If you find it difficult to read information online, please let someone in reception know and they will print a copy for you.

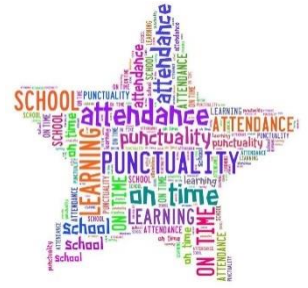
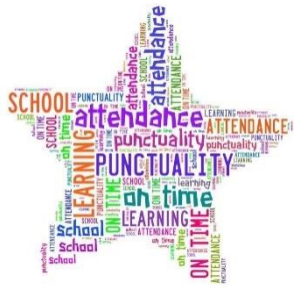
I would like you to join me in thanking all Fiveways, teaching and support staff for their hard work and commitment during the last half-term, all pupils progressed well because of their hard work and dedication. I'd like to also thank you as parents and carers for your continued help and support.

I wish you and your children a happy and peaceful half-term break and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 30th October.

With my very best wishes to you all

Swavek Nowakiewicz

Headteacher



Attendance

What we expect from you...

If your child is absent from school, please call/text **01935 476227** or email – office@fiveways.school daily **before 8:00** unless there has been a prior arrangement agreed with school. This is a legal requirement as stated in our attendance policy to ensure our attendance records meet government guidelines.

What to expect from us...

Once morning registration has closed and we, Fiveways, have no reason provided to us for the child's absences, a text will be sent, followed by a phone call.

If we have had no communications from home as to why your child is absent, home visits/welfare checks will be conducted. Home visits/welfare checks will be completed on day 4 unless there is a Child Protection Plan in place or deemed vulnerable in which case this would be sooner.

- When medical appointments have been made where it indicates a period of absence is expected, a copy of the letter should be shared with the school either via email to the office – office@fiveways.school or WhatsApp to Chloe – 07557 671013.
- If your child has been in hospital a copy of their discharge paperwork should be shared with school - office@fiveways.school or WhatsApp to Chloe – 07557 671013.
- All future medical appointments please ask GP/Consultants to include Fiveways in any letters/paperwork.

Please rest assured that we understand and appreciate that some pupils may have additional medical needs or other arrangements that can impact on attendance. Where these have been agreed between home and school, they do not trigger any action.

Chloe Baker ☺

Safeguarding & Attendance Officer

Tel: 01935 476227

Mob: 07557 671013

Working days: Tues, Wed, Thurs.

www.fivewayschool.co.uk



Safeguarding children and young people through the school holidays

What is safeguarding?

Ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm. Safeguarding is the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.

Examples of safeguarding concerns to look out for:

Physical

A group of children start pushing or hitting a smaller child when an adult is not looking

Emotional

You see a crying child run towards their parent who responds in a harsh manner using inappropriate language

Sexual

A teenage girl walking home is catcalled and harassed, or being touched without consent

Neglect

You see a child wearing the same dirty clothes every day and who steals food from other children

If you have any queries, questions, comments
or just want a brew and a chat ☺ please contact

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Safeguarding & Attendance Officer

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Email: cbaker@fiveways.sch

Working days: Tues, Wed, Thurs. Term time only.



Safeguarding arrangements during holidays

If you have a safeguarding concern and would like to raise it during the holidays, please send an email to DSL@fiveways.school. The Designated Safeguarding Lead or one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads will be monitoring emails over the holiday period.

If a child is at immediate risk, please call 999. For any other support which you may need during the holiday period please contact Somerset Direct 0300 123 2224.



Evidence for Learning (EfL) Family app.

If you haven't already seen it, look out for the email / letter with information and "how to" guide for our new Evidence for Learning family app.

At school we successfully use the EfL app to gather photo, video and observation evidence to record progress of your child's Personal Learning Goals (PLGs) and other learning moments. We are excited to be able to offer this home school feature with you from half term onward.

Our pupils are amazing and unique. Whilst we celebrate this individuality it means there is no one else like them to compare their progress with. We overcome this by comparing them to themselves and what they have shown us previously; this is called "Ipsative Assessment". The EfL app allows us to capture examples of this progress in a range of contexts at school and home.

The EfL family app is an excellent way to have learning conversations with you and enhance home school holistic approaches. It enables:

- Achievements and celebrations from school to be shared with you.
- You to view and comment on that evidence.
- You to share evidence of your child's progress, achievements and celebrations at home either linked to PLGs or other "wow" moments.

We will be learning together and I'm sure there may be some questions and technical issues to address along the way so please do liaise with the class teacher if you have any queries or suggestions.

Enjoy!

Dates 2023

23rd October - 27th October - Half Term

30th October – Return to school

17th November – Children in Need

7th and 8th December – Christmas Concert

13th December – Christmas Dinner and Carols

14th December- Father Christmas Visit

15th December - Christmas Jumper

18th December – 29th December – Christmas Holidays

1st January – Bank Holiday

2nd January – Return to School





Please can we ask that pick up and drop off are completed promptly due to us being a live School site.

We need to ask parents to leave our site as soon as possible as some of our children can become unsettled with the transition which can then cause them additional stress. We also please ask that you arrive for school pick up no earlier than 3pm whether that be to park or to pick up. There are lots of coffee shops nearby, such as the double decker Old Tannery bus just outside our grounds, where parents can meet/ wait instead.



Reading

We have re-developed and organised our new Library space to expand it with books that follow our phonics scheme (Essential Letters and Sounds). The children are thoroughly enjoying reading the selection of books that match their progression in phonics as well as sharing and reading books for pleasure.

To develop their reading skills further and foster a love of reading we will be sending books home daily with reading logs, for those who are able to read. For those children not at this stage we will send a 'sharing book' home at weekends. It would be greatly appreciated if you would regularly complete the reading log book including the date, title of the book shared/read and any comments about reading and engagement.

We will send home some reading guidance and if you have any queries, please do let us know
Many thanks and happy reading!

Clair F - Class 1 Teacher

News from Clare - Gems

I know that some of you know but I wanted to officially say that I will be leaving Fiveways at Christmas. It was a very difficult decision to make as I love the school; staff and pupils. (and of course the families). It is the right thing to do though, for myself and my family at the moment. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 7 ½ years at Fiveways in the Gems class. It has been a privilege to have settled so many of our pupils into school and watch them grow and develop. Fiveways is a very special place to be and if I decide to return to teaching in the future then I will be knocking on Fiveways door for a job.

Clare Bolton

Parent Resources

Please find Mental health advice from SSS Learning to support parents. These will be placed within our Parent / Carer advice and training section of the website.

- [Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)
- [Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)



Class News

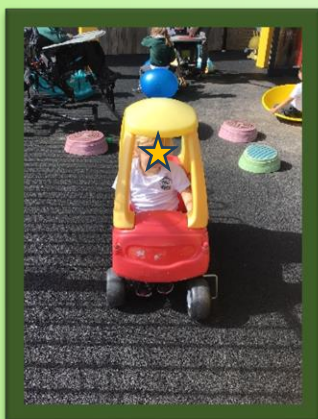
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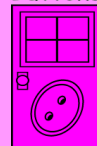
Gems have had a busy half term. The 3 new pupils have settled in well and have quickly become part of the Gems class. The 5 older pupils have quickly settled back in, picking up their learning from where they left off.

We have all enjoyed the sunshine, making the most of the outside.

In class, we have been looking at colours, exploring the book 'Elmer the elephant' and thinking about how we explain colours to our visually impaired pupils through their senses.



Buttons



Buttons have been working really hard this term, sharing and taking turns with our friends during sessions as well as working on our own skills. We have been focussing on our attention skills, being able to focus as part of a small group or 1:1 with an adult to engage in a short activity or experience.

Everyone in Buttons has been enjoying being active and exploring areas of the school that are enabling us to engage in physical activities (the adventure playground being our favourite). We have also been swimming on some of our Thursday's and are building our confidence in the water as result.

We are really progressing on our core skills as well as having lots of laughs in the process. In cooking this term, we have been experiencing different textures such as jelly, blancmange and pasta.

We can't wait to see what experiences we will have as we head towards Christmas...





Class News



We have had a lovely start to the year in Acorns class. Children have enjoyed getting to know their new peers in class through lots of fun play learning activities. Some of the exciting activities include using nets to catch rubber ducks, washing toy cars, making playdough shapes, role play cafes, dinosaur slime and mini beast green spaghetti. We look forward to seeing what fun next half term brings in Acorns.



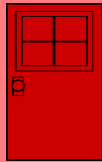
Over last five weeks, we have been looking at the colour monster during our literacy sessions. The children have enjoyed learning about the different emotions and exploring a range of sensory trays based on the colour for that week. In maths we have been looking at shape and pattern. During our cookery sessions, the children have used their cutting skills to make different shapes and patterns with different fruit and vegetables. During our play to learn sessions, the children have been learning to brush their hair through modelling, having a go themselves and brushing other's hair. We have also been learning how to wash our hands correctly and how to wash a baby. All the children have settled really well into Shells, and we are all super proud of them.





Class News

Feathers



This half term, Feathers have been very busy in our classroom and exploring different areas of the school. We have been working hard on our class routines and making friendships with all our new friends. Our favourite sessions are meal times, Bucket and Swimming!



Class 1



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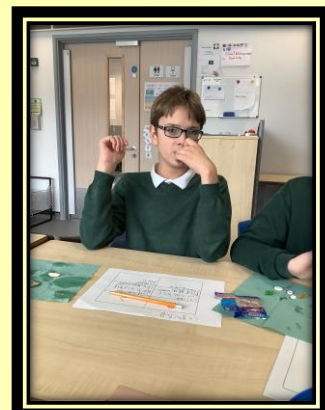
This term, We have been learning about our senses.

We have learned about touch,

We felt soft, hard, crunchy, and spiky things,

We been learning about tasting things, we tasted sour things, spicy things, and sweet!

We also did hearing, we been hearing things like drums, we been playing them loudly and quietly.





Class News

Class 2 News

We have been busy thinking about our Bodies this term. We have done lots of MOVE and physical work, but also art, Environmental Sounds, stories, and tasting our favourite foods and drinks. Here is our art display when we were thinking about our faces, eyes, noses, ears, and mouths!

We all found it very funny!



Class News

... and some more!





Class News

Class 3



This term Class 3 have been working hard on their food hygiene and understanding how to make a sandwich as independently as possible. We have been practicing washing our hands, cleaning our tables then making our sandwiches in the right order. We have even been wrapping our sandwiches up in preparation for and future picnics we might go on.



Class 4



The pupils have all settled in well and we have had a busy start back to school, working on a variety of different activities.

In Art we have been looking at Autumn and how the colours of the leaves have been changing, making Autumn trees using different materials. We also collected leaves along the woodland walk and used them to make hedgehogs.

One of our favourite activities is getting out the huge teeth and practicing brushing them, all part of our topic work.

There have been some lovely moments during cookery, some of the pupils have enjoyed making cheese straws, whilst others have got fully involved with sensory cooking.





Class News

Class 5



Class 5 have been exploring the topic of Our Bodies in the first half term. We have made some diagrams and done some science experiments. We have also been working hard to earn some money in our Enterprise lessons, we have run a car wash and made and sold cakes for the staff at school.

We have got to know all the peers in our new class and enjoyed going on adventures and forming friendships. What a great start to the new school year!



6th Form



6th Form have had a busy start to the new academic year. Learners have been busy planning what they will make in preparation for the gift sale they will be holding towards the end of the next half term as part of their AQA awards as well as providing catering for the training centre, which we hope to do more catering for events in the future. Volunteering has restarted at Ham Hill, and we have learners who have started or are about to start individual work placements with local businesses. One of those learners has been volunteering at Lords Larder. He spoke in the harvest festival assembly about his work there and arranged for donations to be bought into school, for the Lords Larder.





Useful Information

Signalong

Sign-supported communication system - for parents, carers and professionals

Signalong is a sign-supported communication system designed for children and adults with speech and language difficulties. Most users have learning disabilities or autism spectrum disorders, but the system is available to anyone who needs signing, including those with physical disabilities or hearing impairment. It is based on a consistent method of analysing and presenting signs, mostly drawn from BSL, which enables users to select vocabulary relevant to them.

This workshop will cover the philosophy and methodology of Signalong before teaching approx. 60 key words. CPD accreditation for training companies, conference providers, professional bodies, universities, academic institutions and corporate organisations. Activities are provided to put the vocabulary into context and reinforce learning. Participants receive a certificate.

"A marvelous course that has really supported me developing effective communication skills. With a range of learners in School and home settings." Safeguarding and Attendance officer, June 2023



Details:

Friday 3rd November 2023 09:30 - 15:00pm
Bradbury Training Centre at Fiveways School, Yeovil.
Parents/carers and Professionals: £35.00

To book:

<https://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/Event/203530>

Email: officespts@fiveways.school

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Friends Of Fiveways Newsletter



Hi All,

We hope you have all had a good first half term of this year. We are hopeful that this year will be as amazing as last year.

With all your support, we raised a record-breaking amount of £4,291.06. This allowed us to purchase 31 communication boards for around the school site, which some of you may have already noticed. They have been a real hit with the children allowing them all to have a voice whilst out and about around the school site.

Onto this year. Our elected officials are –

Chair - Rosie Cooke

Vice chair - Tash Carter

Treasurer - Sarah Markham

Secretary - Tracy Hanley

With many of you also volunteering to lend a helping hand.

We appreciate all your help and if you would like to join in with the fun, please email FoFSA at friendsoffivewaysschool@gmail.com.

We are hoping for another successful year but are aware of the current financial climate so, we are trying to be realistic in what we are aiming for.

This year we have already donated £500 towards the cost of several pupils visiting Westlands to watch a pantomime and a visiting performance from Bamboozle for those that cannot manage the theatre.

We ourselves have allocated a £100 budget to purchase activities that will be available at our events to make them more enjoyable for the children.

We plan to fundraise £2,000 to be split equally between the all the classes so they can improve their outdoor space.

Being optimistic we then wish to raise another £1,000 for lunchtime activities that can be enjoyed by all on the main playground.

We have planned an eventful year with even more events for our children, parents and families, staff and the community. We are looking forward to seeing you so save the date-

[We had a disco on the 6th October and raised £77, Thank you..](#)

° Trick or treat Tuesday October 31st - The children are welcome to dress up. A voluntary contribution of £1 would be appreciated.

- ° Firework display Friday November 3rd 5.30 -6.45pm - Bring a blanket. Both a Virtual and sensory display catering for everyone's needs. We will be using both main hall and rainbow hall. Glow sticks and sparklers will be available for a small donation. There will also be refreshments and small raffle.
- ° Christmas Fete Saturday November 25th 11-2pm – Each class will be invited to hold a stall to raise monies that will go back to their class. FoFSA will be holding their own stalls as well as an open invite to others to join. Father Christmas will also be joining us in the cabin along with a few of his friends!
- ° Christmas bingo Saturday December 9th - Doors open at 5pm eyes down 5.30pm A festive Raffle and refreshments will be available.
- ° Cheese, Wine & Wisdom Friday January 19th time TBC – Join us for a Fiveways first. Pick your team, book your table, get your thinking caps on for a quiz with a twist.
- ° Valentines Raffle drawn Friday February 9th - Not easy to get out? Don't worry date night is covered with a steak dinner hamper for 2 with all the trimmings plus more prizes to win
- ° Easter Bingo Friday March 22nd- Doors open at 6pm eyes down at 6.30pm A themed Raffle and refreshments will be available.
- ° May Sponsorship Month
- ° Summer Fete Saturday June 22nd time TBC – Bigger than ever now we have worked out the kinks.
- ° The Celebration of You July Date and time TBC – Because we all love to celebrate just how amazing our children are!

Blue FoFSA event for the whole family

Green Fiveways children only (in school event) your support with fundraising

Red Adults only event

To keep up to date join us on -

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