



Week commencing Monday 26 th November 2018		School dinner menu: New Menu Week 1
Monday 26th	3.00 – 4.00pm	Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes SATs booster Year 6
Tuesday 27th	3.00	Achievement Assembly – Class 2 & 3 outside achievements
Wednesday 28th		Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme Guitar lessons with Mr Walters
Thursday 29th	2:30-3:30pm	NSPCC Parent Workshop in hall- Keep your child safe online-All welcome
Friday 30th	AM 2.00pm onwards pm	Whole school visit to Lichfield Garrick to see Dick Whittington Christmas craft fayre Guitar Lessons with Mr Walters – These will be rearranged

PERMISSIONS, PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

Permissions or Payments	Total Amount due	Deadline
Care Club	Amount as charged	weekly
Dinner money	Amount as charged	weekly
Academy Choir	£30	£10 to be paid by the end of each term
NMA		
Panto	£12.20	9 th November 2018

*All payments should be made using ParentPay unless stated otherwise. We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare payments for care club. If you wish to pay using tax-free childcare vouchers, please inform the office of your TFC reference so that we can correctly add your payments onto your ParentPay account.



Achievement Assembly in December

Throughout December, before Tuesday's Achievement Assembly, you are invited to join us from 2.45pm to enjoy a tea/coffee and a mince pie (for a small donation). We hope that you can join us.

Achievements Assembly date	Out of school achievement
27.11.18	Class 2 & 3
4.12.18	Class 1
11.12.18	Class 2
18.12.18	Class 3

Thank you to the Friends and parents for the Christmas Craft Day.

Throughout the day, there were a variety of lovely crafts going on and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. We really do appreciate your time and dedication.

Look out for your child's 'Christmas Craft Bag' at the Christmas Fayre, next Friday.



Dick Whittington & Christmas Fayre

On Friday 30th November, the whole school will be going to the Garrick Theatre in Lichfield to watch the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'. We will return to school for lunchtime. KS1 are entitled to a school packed lunch. KS2 can order a packed lunch from school or alternatively they can bring in a packed lunch from home.

From 2pm, we will be holding our Christmas Fayre. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you there.

If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch, **please let the office know by Monday 26th November**. If we have not received a choice from you by then, we will assume your child is bringing a packed lunch from home. Thank you

Children in Need

A big thank you, because we managed to raise a total of **£61.90** from our 'Spotty Day' for Children in Need.

Snack Wednesdays

If your child would like to take advantage of this break-time snack, then there will be a monthly charge of £3.50. **Payments MUST be made on 'ParentPay' before the start of each month.** We will not be able to add children onto the snack scheme once the month has started so they would have to wait until the next month to be able to take part in the scheme.

The snacks for each month are as follows:

Month	Snack
November	Hot chocolate with marshmallows
December	Snowmen cheese sticks, frosty popcorn cups and cheesy reindeer crackers – available on alternative weeks throughout December.

What the classes have done this week

Class 1: Class 1 have had a very busy week. In English, Reception have been looking at the story of Owl Babies and Year 1 have been continuing to look at information texts. In Maths, Reception have been ordering items by weight and Year 1 have been partitioning teen numbers into tens and ones. We also started our History topic this week, learning about the history of The Howard. Well done all of you, keep up the hard work!

Class 2: This week, we have been continuing to write about owls in English and we have been learning to handle money in Maths. We really enjoyed the Christmas Craft day and are looking forward to starting our festive activities. In Science, we have been designing and building micro-habitats in the environmental area.

Class 3: This week we have been writing poetry based around "The Piano", we watched the short film based on a man's memories of war and created some brilliant poetry. Whilst Year 3 have been writing some spectacular narratives linked to the 'Coming Home' Christmas advert. We have also investigated how levers work in science by calculating how to lift a heavier load with a smaller force. On Monday Year 6 visited the Arboretum and Year 5 had an art day at Richard Crosse, we produced some brilliant work which will be on display very soon.



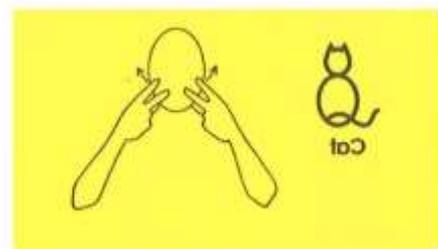
The stars of the week will be presented on Tuesday 27th November

Attendance

Congratulations to year's 2, 5 & 6 who all achieved 100% attendance for the week commencing 12th November 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust			Trust Attendance
Attendance for week commencing Monday 12 th November 2018			Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	98.55	97.06	90.00
Year 1	100.00	92.86	96.92
Year 2	98.57	98.67	100.00
Year 3	80.00	95.79	94.00
Year 4	86.25	97.78	98.00
Year 5	98.18	99.00	100.00
Year 6	97.50	98.46	100.00
Whole School	94.47	97.16	97.46

Makaton Autumn Term 2 – Week 3



Growth Mind-set

This term we have been talking to the children about the 'Power of Yet' and we are keen for all children to develop a positive attitude towards challenges. Please look at the Growth Mind-set poster (at the end of this planner) to help you to reinforce our messages at home.



Friends Donations

Your donations to Friends events have allowed us to make the following purchases:

Last week our brand new bike and scooter racks were set up, allowing us to house 10 bikes and 12 scooters neatly.

We have also purchased £500 of outdoor play equipment, which has begun to be delivered and will soon be set up for playtimes. Last academic year, through the School Council, the children drew up a wish list of items, including giant four in a row, ring toss, giant octoplay and a variety of balls. We hope the pupils enjoy them!

Money from the Friends has also paid for a coach to transport the children to and from the pantomime and for a festive snack & drink.

Christmas Craft Bags

Yesterday, the children were busy creating festive craft creations alongside the Friends. Each child has made a Christmas tree decoration, a cute reindeer and they even had a go at machine sewing a Christmas present. HUGE thanks to our volunteers for helping the children with their crafts! Pictured are Phoebe and Betty with their craft items. The children's Christmas craft bags containing all their handmade items will be available to buy at the Christmas fayre and then at school from the office at pickup on December 3rd, 4th and 5th and are just £5.



Easy Fundraising

If you're busy grabbing some Black Friday bargains online, please remember to log into easy fundraising before you make your purchases. EVERY purchase raises money for school funds so we can buy more of the things our children really want.

Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/howardps. Log in and type in the name of the retailer and you will be taken to the retailers website. The donation is made behind the scenes and the Friends benefit. It's really that simple!

Howard's Got Talent

We are excited to announce that on 18th December 2018 at 1.30 pm we will be show-casing our finest skills at 'Howard's got Talent'

This is not a fundraising event but a fun activity and free to attend event for all children to take part in if they want to. We understand that performing is not everyone's cup of tea so for those children who do not wish to take a performing role they can watch the show in the audience.

Howards got Talent will take place in the school Hall so there will be some limited places for parents to come and watch too! Whilst it's free to attend and won't be ticketed we will need to know numbers as we have a maximum capacity so to secure any places to watch the show please contact Hollie on 07815 184471.

Refreshments will be available for parents who attend with any donations made from refreshments going to 'The Friends'.

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Important dates 2018 -2019

Please note these dates are subject to change

November	
Thursday 29 th	NSPCC workshop for parents
Friday 30 th	Whole school Pantomime visit – Dick Whittington, Lichfield Garrick 10AM
Friday 30 th	Christmas Fayre 2 – 4.30
December	
Friday 14 th	Christmas jumper day – details to follow
Friday 14 th	Choir concert at Lichfield Cathedral
Monday 17 th	Christmas Play 9.00 – 10.00 in the school hall
Tuesday 18 th	Howards Got Talent
Wednesday 19 th	Christmas dinner – details to follow
Wednesday 19 th	Christmas party 2.30 – 3.30pm
Thursday 20 th	Christmas service in Church, 2pm – details to follow
Friday 21 st	Break up for Christmas holidays
January	
Monday 7 th	Staff and students return to school
Tuesday 8 th	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5 – Flu immunisation team in from 1pm, details to follow.
Wednesday 23 rd	Class 3 Trip, Christingle Celebration at St Mary’s Church in Stafford, further details to follow.
Wednesday 30 th	Class 1 & 2 trip to Space centre – more details to follow

PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

Big Life Journal

*Your brain is like a muscle. When you learn, your brain grows.
The feeling of it being hard is the feeling of your brain growing!*

PRAISE



FOR:

EFFORT
STRATEGIES
PROGRESS
HARD WORK
PERSISTENCE
RISING TO A CHALLENGE
LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR

TALENT
BEING SMART
BORN GIFTED
FIXED ABILITIES
NOT MAKING MISTAKES

THE POWER OF "YET" SAY

"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."

"IF YOU LEARN AND
PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

BRAINS can GROW



FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

SAY

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR
OWN THINKING AND THE
MESSAGES YOU SEND
WITH YOUR WORDS AND
ACTIONS.



ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO
TODAY THAT MADE YOU
THINK HARD?"
"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES
DID YOU TRY?"
"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU
MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU
SOMETHING?"
"WHAT DID YOU TRY
THAT WAS HARD
TODAY?"

