



Week commencing Monday 3rd December 2018		School dinner menu: Menu Week 2
Monday 3rd	3.00 – 4.00pm	Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes SATs booster Year 6
Tuesday 4th	2.45pm 3.00	All welcome to join us for tea/coffee & mince pies Achievement Assembly – Class 1 outside achievements
Wednesday 5th		Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme Guitar lessons with Mr Walters Informal parents evening for class 1 & class 2 – please see note below
Thursday 6th		
Friday 7th	pm	Guitar Lessons with Mr Walters

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

*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.

ABSENCE MESSAGES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the school office by 9am (01827 383292). Please do not send messages through another child, emails or DOJO messages for pupil absences. Thank you.

Informal Parents Evening

There will be an informal parents evening for Class 1 and Class 2 on Wednesday 5th December 2018 from 3.40 – 5.00pm. Appointments can be made through the school office. Please only make an appointment if there is a specific issue you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher. Books will not be available for parents to view during this time. Unfortunately, Miss Jennings will not be available on this evening. However, should you wish to make an appointment to discuss an issue, please contact the school office, who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time.



Christmas dinner/party day

On Wednesday 19th December, we will be enjoying our Christmas Dinner. Letters have been sent home with your child. All children will eat their meal in the school hall together. On this day, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper.

During the afternoon, we will have our Christmas party, which will consist of party games and a very important visitor.

Church service



On Thursday 20th December we will visit St Peter's Church, Elford, for our traditional Christmas service. The service will commence at 2pm, and everyone is invited to join us. We will return to school in time for home time.

Kindness Advent Calendar – (see end of planner)

With Christmas rapidly approaching, we would like to share with our parents and pupils a 'Kindness Advent Calendar'.

How many can you achieve this December?

Guitar Lessons

Children who receive individual guitar lessons, received a double lesson on Wednesday 28th November, in light of the Christmas fayre being on Friday afternoon.



Guitar Concert

The children who receive individual guitar tuition or the class lessons, will be performing a Christmas guitar concert on Friday 21st December at 2.50 – 3.30pm. Parents are invited to attend.



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
4.12.18	Class 1
11.12.18	Class 2
18.12.18	Class 3

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
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 super week. In Maths we have all been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and pattern. In English, Reception have been working really hard with their letter formation, whilst Year 1 have continued looking at information texts, writing a fact file on owls. Well done Class 1.

Class 2: This week, class 2 have worked really hard to finish learning about money in Maths. We've also written information texts in English. We've spent a lot of time practising for the play.

Class 3: This week, we have worked hard in English writing a flashback narrative based on a short film - "The Piano", the children have written some fantastic and emotive pieces. In Year 4 we have been writing reports about robins. In History, we have written job adverts for Victorian jobs in Burton Brewery - they imagined they were Mr Bass and wrote persuasive adverts selling their company. We are really looking forward to the Christmas Fayre and our trip to the pantomime on Friday!



Stars of the Week

Assembly Date

20.11.18	Class 1	Jack Oakley	For super maths
27.11.18	Class 1	Toby Medina-Greenway	For mastering his pencil grip
20.11.18	Class 2	Lucas Denyer-Smith	For focusing really well in Maths
27.11.18	Class 2	Betty Standerwick	For superb manners
20.11.18	Class 3	Charles Smith	For going above and beyond to offer his help around school
27.11.18	Class 3	Seth Hughes	For becoming a great year 6 role model

Attendance

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 19 th November 2018			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	91.30	100.00	80.00
Year 1	100.00	100.00	94.62
Year 2	87.86	98.67	96.36
Year 3	93.33	100.00	98.00
Year 4	100.00	100.00	98.00
Year 5	96.36	95.50	97.50
Year 6	99.17	100.00	96.67
Whole School	95.12	99.05	94.92

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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.

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 retailer's 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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Howard Website	www.howard.staffs.sch.uk

Important dates 2018 -2019

Please note these dates are subject to change

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 21st	Guitar concert for parents 2.50 – 3.30pm
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



Kindness Advent Calendar

December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	01 Make a Christmas card for an elderly neighbour	02 Say something kind
03 Ask someone to play with you on the playground	04 Smile at everyone you see	05 Make a new friend / speak to someone new	06 Give someone a cuddle	07 Ask someone to play	08 Be helpful to your friends	09 Share your toys when you are playing
10 Pick a piece of rubbish up off the floor	11 Help someone who is stuck	12 Give a compliment	13 Tell a joke to cheer somebody up	14 Phone a relative you haven't seen for a while	15 Open a door for someone	16 Put some food out for animals in your garden
17 Write a thankyou note to somebody in your class	18 Let someone go in front of you in a line	19 Draw someone a picture / make someone a card	20 Do a secret act of kindness for someone	21 Teach somebody a new skill e.g dance, how to draw etc	22 Donate something to the local Food Bank	23 Tidy a room in your house
24 Leave some mince pies for Father Christmas.	25 Have a Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30
31	01	02	03	04	05	06