



Week commencing Monday 10th December 2018		School dinner menu: Menu Week 3
Monday 10th	3.00 – 4.00pm	Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes Guitar lessons with Mr Walters SATs booster Year 6
Tuesday 11th	10.00am 2.45pm 3.00pm	Class 2 & 3 singing at the village hall coffee morning All welcome to join us for tea/coffee & mince pies (small donation) Achievement Assembly – <u>Class 2 & 3 outside achievements Last one until 2019</u>
Wednesday 12th		Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme Academy Choir – <u>Last one until 2019</u>
Thursday 13th		
Friday 14th	All day All day pm	Christmas Jumper Day Choir performing at Lichfield Cathedral – letters sent home 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.

Reception Places – September 2019

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2019? Do you know any local families with children this age? Then please tell them about the Howard. Potential parents are welcome to look around our school at any time, just give the office a ring on 01827 383292 to book a time.

The closing date for applications for admission into Reception is 15th January 2019. The best way to apply is online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. All parents must make an application. For more information, please speak to the school office or the admissions team at Staffordshire County Council.

Catering Review

As part of our commitment to improving our food culture, we are undertaking a review of the current situation. A short survey monkey questionnaire (5 questions) has been emailed round to all parents. We would be very grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete it. If you would like the link sending again, please let the school secretary know. Many thanks

Children singing at Village hall coffee morning

On Tuesday 11th December, Classes 2 & 3 will be singing at the village hall coffee morning at 10am.

Elford Christmas 'Angels'

On Wednesday 12th December there will be knitted Angels strung up around the village. Please untie one and take it to hang on your Christmas tree at home. They have been kitted by ladies in Elford as a gift to you! The Angel is a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas!

St Peter's Nativity

On Sunday 23rd December at 4pm, we are having our annual "live" nativity where residents of Elford dress up to tell the Christmas story.

We would love as many of the Howard children to sing “Mary’s Boy Child” in Church before we walk to the stable. Please join us if you can!



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.



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.

Children’s Voice- (written by the Children)



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th December 2018 we will be having a Christmas jumper day. For this event you will have the choice of wearing a Christmas jumper. If you do, then you will have to bring in a pound that will go to “Save the Children”.

On Wednesday 19th December 2018 we will be having Christmas dinner at school. On this day you are also allowed to wear a Christmas jumper no pound required.

By Holly and Charlie (School Council)



On Wednesday 5th December, Year 5 and 6 had a special visitor. During the first Autumn term, Year 5 and 6 wrote persuasive car brochures in their English lessons. They then sent their brochures to the car garages. Ford Tamworth loved the brochures so much, that they wanted to come and say a special thank you. They brought down two of their newest cars and let the children sit in the driver’s seat and even honk the horn! They were so impressed with the quality of

information and use of persuasion in the brochures that they brought down sweets for the class to share. The children really enjoyed the visit and seeing that their writing had a real purpose.



Wear ‘Green’ to school day – Friday 19th January 2019

To raise money for the Eco council, please bring in a pound and you can wear green to school. If you don’t have green clothes you can just wear non-school uniform. All money raised will go to buying litter pickers, gloves and ECO badges. We would like to raise £72.58.

Thank you –Kian and the Eco Council.



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
11.12.18	Class 2 & Class 3
18.12.18	No Achievement Assembly due to The Howard Talent Show.

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. Year 1 have been looking at numbers to 50 in Maths and we have been learning about 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs in English. In topic, we have been looking at festivals.

Class 2: This week, has been assessment week so we have all worked very hard. In English we have continued to write about "Moz the Monster" In Maths we have been learning about fractions. In Science we have been learning about food chains and animals from unusual habitats. We are all looking forward to starting festive activities next week.

Class 3: This week, we have been busy writing flashback stories based around "The Christmas Truce". In RE, we have created posters about the five pillars of Islam thinking about their significance to the life of Muslims. In Science, we created different shaped boats to test out water resistance. Also Year 5 and 6 had a special visit from Ford Tamworth - please take a look at the photos.



Stars of the Week

Class 1	Max Taroni	For working hard in English and improving his handwriting
Class 2	Cameron Liston	For trying really hard in lessons and improving his handwriting
Class 3	Kian Walker	For always displaying a respectful and pleasant manner around school

Attendance

Congratulations to Year's 3 and 6 who both achieved 100% attendance for week commencing Monday 26th November 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 26 th November 2018			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	97.10	94.12	93.33
Year 1	100.00	97.14	98.46
Year 2	100.00	98.67	99.09
Year 3	98.33	100.00	100.00
Year 4	95.63	98.89	96.00
Year 5	97.27	97.00	98.75
Year 6	100.00	98.46	100.00
Whole School	98.07	97.76	97.97

Makaton Autumn Term 2 – Week 5



The Christmas Fayre was really well supported and raised over £575 for the school. Thanks to everyone for making reindeer food, guessing the name of the elephant and glitter tattooing! And not forgetting Father Christmas in his wonderful grotto- we thank you all!

The Christmas Craft Market was a treat for the taste-buds with delicious festive tipples, decorations and festive gifts for sale. Thank you to Claire & Dick Cowley for hosting and for allowing the Friends to sell refreshments. £150 was raised so thank you everyone for your support.

Christmas craft bags- get your child's craft bag from the office!

Each child has made some amazing Christmas decorations- a reindeer, Christmas parcel and pompom decoration. They're ready for parents to pick-up from school for the suggested donation of £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 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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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- 1:30pm in hall- contact Hollie on 07815 184471 for tickets
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