



<u>Week commencing Monday 14th January 2019</u>		School dinner menu: Menu Week 2
Monday 14th		Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes
Tuesday 15th	3.00pm	Achievement assembly today. Class 1 outside achievements
Wednesday 16th	4.00 – 5.00pm	Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme Academy Choir. Please collect your children from school at 5.20
Thursday 17th		
Friday 18th	1.50 – 3.30pm	Wear Green to School £1 Guitar lessons with Mr Walters Private & class lessons

PERMISSIONS, PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

Permissions or Payments	Total Amount due	Deadline
Whitemoor Lakes Years 3 & 4	£85 £30 £25	28th February – full amount 31st January 2019 28th February
Christingle service reply class 3	£3.00	Monday 14.01.19 – reply deadline
Space Centre Class 1 & 2	£15.80	Monday 21.01.19
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.

Welcome back to all our students, parents and staff. We hope you had a restful break over the festive period. We are excited for the start of the Spring term, and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming weeks and months.

Parent workshops

On 26th February 2019 we will be holding two parent workshops. Both of these workshops will commence at 3pm until 3.30pm.

Reception – reading workshop. Helping your child to read at home

Year 1 – phonics workshop. To help parents support their child at home with the forthcoming national phonics screening check in June

Photos and videos within school

As a school, it is our responsibility to safeguard all children within our care, and it is with this in mind that must release the following statement:

We, as a school, fully respect that parents wish to photograph and video their own children at special events or assemblies that happen within our school. We do not wish to prevent parents from taking these precious photos or videos. However, we must politely ask that parents do not upload these images or videos to any form of social media, but instead keep them for their own personal use.

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.

Children's Voice

Wear green to school – Friday 18th January 2019

To raise money for the eco council 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. We would like to raise £72.58. *Thank you – the Eco Council.*

Achievement Assembly in January

Achievements Assembly date	Out of school achievement
15.01.19	Class 1
22.01.19	Class 2
29.01.19	Class 3

Snack Wednesdays

Snack payment is now available for January and February. Please note that these are individual items on parentpay, and each month must be paid as an individual item.

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
January	Cup of hot chocolate & toasted buttered bagel
February	Heart shaped biscuit
March	Banana & Apple Smoothie

What the classes have done this week

Class 1: Class 1 have had a super first week back and have quickly settled back into school. In Maths, Reception have been working with numbers to 20 and Year 1 have been ordering and representing numbers to 50. In English, Reception have been writing lists using taught phonemes and Year 1 have been writing a recount about their Christmas holiday. In topic we have been focusing our learning on Anti-bullying week. Can I also say a huge thank you for the Christmas gifts that I received at the end of last term. Happy New Year!

Class 2: We've settled back into school well this week. We've started reading and writing poetry in English based on The Sound Collector by Roger McGough. In Maths, we've revisited addition and subtraction to learn to make number bonds to 100 and add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers. In Science, we have started learning about materials and their uses. We have been sorting properties into groups and looking at the properties of materials around the school. In History, we have started to learn about space.

Class 3: This week, we have got straight back into the swing of things. In English we have started our Greek Mythology unit, we have been looking at mythical beasts and writing our own descriptions. We also had an exciting visit from Dr. Allen who brought with him our car kit that we won with our competition entry. Over the next couple of terms we will be documenting the building of the car - watch out for what we get up to.

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception, Year 3 & Year 6, who all achieved 100% attendance for week commencing Monday 17th December 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 17 th December 2018			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	94.29	94.71	100.00
Year 1	96.00	94.29	98.46
Year 2	87.86	98.67	90.91
Year 3	83.33	93.68	100.00
Year 4	95.00	95.56	94.00
Year 5	90.91	98.95	80.00
Year 6	100.00	95.38	100.00
Whole School	92.95	95.91	94.24



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!

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Important dates 2018 -2019

Please note these dates are subject to change

January 2019	
Wednesday 23 rd	Class 3 Trip, Christingle Celebration at St Mary's Church in Stafford - letters sent home
Thursday 24 th	Young Voices – letters sent home
Wednesday 30 th	Class 1 & 2 trip to Space centre – letters sent home
February	
Wednesday 13 th	Manchester Camerata – details to follow
Wednesday 13 th	Parents Evening – details to follow
Friday 15 th	Break up for February half term – 3.30pm
Monday 25 th	Children and staff return to school
Tuesday 26 th	Reception & Year 1 workshops – details above
April	
Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3 rd	Years 3 & 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential – letters sent home
Friday 12 th	School closes to children and staff
Monday 15 th – Friday 26 th	Easter holidays
Monday 29 th	Children and staff return to school
May	
Monday 6 th	Mayday bank holiday – School closed to children and staff
Friday 24 th May	School closes to children and staff
Monday 27 th – Friday 7 th June	School closed to children and staff
June	
Monday 10 th	Children and staff return to school
July	
Friday 19 th	School closes to students
Monday 22 nd July	School closed to students. Staff training day