



Week commencing Monday 12 th November 2018		School dinner menu: New Menu Week 2
Monday 12 th	3.00 – 4.00pm	Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes SATs booster Year 6
Tuesday 13 th		
Wednesday 14 th		Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme
Thursday 15 th		
Friday 16 th	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
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.

School Office update:

Claire Robertson, will now be in the office every morning, however, the office will be unmanned during the afternoons and calls will be diverted, from 1pm every day, to Richard Crosse.



We have placed a temporary post box on the table in reception. We would be extremely grateful to parents if they could use this to post all school correspondence for the office to action.

Therefore, we ask that all correspondences and requests are dealt with in the mornings, unless it is an emergency. Thank you.

Please, however do not use this post box to post money for music lessons, as receipts need to be issued for items such as these.

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



On 16th November we will be dressing up in spots for Children in Need. If you would like your child to come in non-uniform then could you please bring in £1. All of this money will be donated to the charity Children in Need.

Parent workshops

We are running a series of maths workshops for parents. These are to help parents understand what their child is expected to learn under the current curriculum.

Therefore we would like to invite all parents into school to attend the workshop for their child/ren. These are as follows:

Year 1 parents only	Monday 19.11.18	3.00 – 3.30pm
Class 2 parents	Tuesday 20.11.18	2.45 – 3.30pm
Class 3 parents	Wednesday 21.11.18	2.30 – 3.30pm



Faiths Cakes

Thanks to everyone who brought my cakes for Papworth Hospital. We raised £150.00 over my two cake sales. Hopefully I will get my charity badge at Brownie's now.

Thank you
Faith Embury.

Arboretum and year 5 art day

Please be reminded that year 6 will visit the National Memorial Arboretum on Monday 19th November and year 5 are having an art day at Richard Crosse. Both year groups will spend the afternoon at Richard Crosse participating in a poetry afternoon. All children require a packed lunch, or one can be provided by the school. Please let the office know if your child requires a packed lunch from school. Please return the reply slip ASAP.

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 super week. In Maths, Reception have been comparing sets within 10 and Year 1 have been doing subtraction. In English, Reception have been writing their names and CVC words and Year 1 have been writing instructions. Well done Class 1!

Class 2: This week we have been writing instruction to make poppy themed crafts. We have also been learning about multiplication and division in Maths. In Science, we have started learning about things that are alive, dead and never been alive. We have also been practising for the play with Class 1.

Class 3: We have had a busy first week back! Year 5 have had a brilliant trip to Stoke City and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. On Thursday, we went on a class trip to Burton Brewery Centre to help kick start our local history topic. We learnt about the history of brewing and how beer was made - we also met Jed a shire horse who would have been used to deliver beer around Burton. We look forward to learning more about our history topic.

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception, year 5 & year 6, who all achieved 100% attendance for the week commencing 22nd October 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 22 nd October 2018			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	100.00	98.17	100.00
Year 1	100.00	97.86	92.86
Year 2	95.71	99.33	89.09
Year 3	100.00	97.00	96.00
Year 4	98.00	98.89	89.09
Year 5	100.00	99.50	100.00
Year 6	95.00	96.92	100.00
Whole School	97.99	98.28	94.10



Parents Survey

We had a fantastic response to our parents survey. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to give us your feedback and opinions on how this year's Friend's Fundraising should be spent. You voted for the money to be spent on:

- Trips & experiences
- Outdoor equipment

We have asked the school for a wishlist based on these categories and once we have this we will share it with you all. Our first purchases are bike and scooter racks- enough for 10 bikes and 12 scooters. These which will be fitted within the next few weeks.

You also told us which events you enjoyed taking part in, so we're busy planning a programme of activities with more of what you like and less of what you don't!

Christmas designs

Thank you for all the orders of cards, mugs, tags and teatowels! The children's designs were a real hit and we have now placed over 50 orders with the supplier. Each order contributes to school funds so thank you for your generosity. We expect that your festive orders will be back within 2 weeks.

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'.

Easy Fundraising' App

Please carry on "easyfundraising" and help us make the most of this money for nothing scheme. You can join by using this link. <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/howardps>. Booking a holiday? Don't forget to use the easy fundraising app to do your online shopping. There's lots of free money to be made on big ticket items such as flights and hotels but also donations from your everyday shopping all add up especially if we all remember do it! Thank you!

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Important dates 2018 -2019

Please note these dates are subject to change

November	
Friday 16 th	Spots – dress in spots for Children in Need £1 donation please
Monday 19 th	Year 1 parents Maths workshop 3.00 – 3.30pm
Monday 19 th	Years 5 & 6 out – information sent home
Tuesday 20 th	Class 2 parents Maths workshop 2.45 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 21 st	Class 3 parents Maths workshop 2.30 – 3.30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Friends craft day, non-uniform day – details to follow
Friday 30 th	Whole school Pantomime visit – Dick Whittington, Lichfield Garrick 10AM
Friday 30 th	Christmas Fayre – details to follow
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