



# The Howard Primary School

## Newsletter October 2021

**Our Motto:** Believe and Achieve  
**Our Values:** Love - Respect - Friendship

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Dear All,

What an exciting and jam-packed start to the school year we have had! Our Reception children have settled beautifully and we are really proud of them. This term we have been able to go on trips, have visitors in school and go to Church for our Harvest Service. It was lovely to hear our children singing again!

The children have been working hard in their lessons and there has been lots of wonderful learning taking place. I would like to say well done to the children and to the staff, who put enormous effort into making learning experiences inspiring, interesting and fun!

Care Club is going from strength to strength and that is thanks to Miss Rowland and Mrs Aminu. They have made Care Club a truly nurturing and interesting experience for our children.

We have been extremely fortunate not to have any class closures and that is due to the diligence of our parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support regarding LFT and PCR testing. Although it is not a nice experience for the children, keeping on top of cases and being able to monitor potential outbreaks is essential in order to keep our school open.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you at 8:30am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November when it will be the countdown to Christmas!

Best wishes,  
Miss R Mills  
Headteacher

### Harvest Festival

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival for the Tamworth Foodbank. Thank you to all the parents and families who attended our service at St. Peter's Church. I have never seen it so well attended. We hope that you enjoyed hearing the children sing and perform their tribute to Harvest. We would also like to thank Mrs Embury for taking our food to Tamworth's Food bank. It was gratefully received!



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support with our Macmillan coffee morning. We raised £100 for a very worthy cause.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING**



### Friends of The Howard

We would like to say a huge thank you to the 'Friends', and in particular, Mrs Wood, for organising our amazing trip to the Adventure Farm. We had a fabulous day and the children thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

I would like to say thank you to you all for supporting our fundraising events. Because of this support, we can provide our children with these extra special treats and experiences. If you are interested in helping out in any way, then please contact the office for more details.



## Christmas Fayre

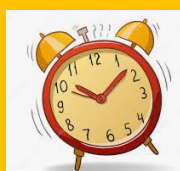
Unfortunately, due to the rise in cases within the county, the decision has been made to not hold a face-to-face Christmas fayre this year. However, there will still be opportunities for you to take part. We have a Parent Raffle, and you can still purchase your child's Christmas craft bags.

To avoid disappointment, the Friends have arranged for an exciting Santa visit to Elford Park on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 3:30-4:30. More information to follow next half term. Please join us for this special treat!



### Attendance Autumn 1: 96%

Thank you for all of your support in making sure your children arrive on time and ready to learn in the morning. It really does make a massive difference to the day when the children come in settled and calm.



### Care Club

If you require before or after school childcare we still have spaces in our Care Club provision. Please contact the office for more information.

## Online Safety Newsletter

### E-Safety News

As a school, we recognise the ever-changing world of technology around us. Therefore, to support us, we have signed up for a monthly newsletter that will offer information and support on the latest trends and safety advice. These will be emailed to you and also saved under the E-Safety tab on the school website.

<https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>



Is your child due to start Reception in September 2022?

Please call the office on 01827 383292 or email

[howardoffice@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:howardoffice@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk)

To arrange a personal tour with Miss Mills.

We look forward to meeting you!

Please pass on this information to friends or relatives who have children due to start school in September 2022! They can give us a call or email to arrange a personal tour!

## Upcoming Dates and Events

- November 15<sup>th</sup> **Odd socks Day**-to celebrate difference- linked to Anti-Bullying
- November 16<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Focus Day- Class 3**- more details to follow
- November 19<sup>th</sup> **Children in Need Day**- wear something spotty and £1 donation for Children in Need
- November 25<sup>th</sup> **KS2 Quad Federation Competition- Football & Netball**-at St Mary's 2pm-4pm
- November 26<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Craft Day**- Non-uniform
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> **Class 1 Christmas Dress rehearsal**- filming of the play
- December 6<sup>th</sup> **Class 1 Performance of Woolly**- 10 am for Reception parents and 2 pm for Year 1 and 2 parents
- December 7<sup>th</sup> **Peter Pan Pantomime at Lichfield Garrick**
- December 10<sup>th</sup> **Class 1 visit to the Snowdome**
- December 14<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Carols in the Village Hall**- 10 am- if Covid Restrictions permit this
- December 14<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Dinner and Party Day**
- December 15<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Jumper Day and Christingle in the Church**-(2 pm at St.Peter's)
- December 17<sup>th</sup> **End of Term**

We are still awaiting a new date for Flu Vaccinations

Class 3 Wonderdome trip- details and dates TBC

Class 2 Diwali Day- Details TBC

Please check our website for constantly updated information:

<https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/events>

Please also continue to check Class Dojo

### Class blogs

Don't forget that each week you can see what your children have been up to in their classes by visiting their class blogs.

<https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/news-events/blogs>

### Packed Lunches and Snack

We pride ourselves on the quality and nutritional content of our school meals. We believe that being healthy in all areas of school life has massive benefits to the children. We have seen an increase in children bringing crisps and chocolate bars for breaktime snacks. With this in mind, just a polite reminder about the guidance in our Packed Lunch and Snack Guidance. Please note that we are a NUT free School.

#### **INCLUDE**

- **Fruit and Vegetables** - at least one portion of fruit **and** one portion of vegetables or salad.
- **A non-dairy source of protein** - meat, poultry, fish, egg, beans or pulses, such as lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus or falafel.
- **A starchy food** like bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other types of cereals.
- **Dairy foods** such as milk, cheese, low fat or natural yoghurt or fromage fraise, low sugar rice pudding. (not split pot or flavoured yoghurts, these have a lot of sugar)
- **Drinks** - the school provides water, but only healthy drinks, such as water, 100% pure fruit juice (maximum portion 150 mls), semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies should be included in your child's packed lunch.
- **Oily fish** such as salmon should be included at least once every three weeks. (Tuna is no longer considered an oily fish)
- **Snacks** such as malt loaf, low sugar jelly, or plain popcorn

#### **LIMIT**

- Snacks such as crisps (although seeds, nuts (where there are no allergies in school), vegetables and fruit with no added salt, sugar or fat would be preferable)
- Corned meat and sausages (these have a high fat and salt content)
- Cakes and plain biscuits are allowed but children should be encouraged to eat these only as part of a balanced meal

#### **DO NOT INCLUDE**

- Chocolate, chocolate-coated biscuits or food items containing chocolate
- Cereal bars, or processed fruit bars
- Processed meat products such as pepperami, sausage rolls, or Fridge Raiders. These foods have a very high fat and salt content
- Other confectionery such as Haribo, and chewing gum
- Fizzy or sugary drinks, including squash or fruit flavoured squash drinks such as Ribena, Fruit Shoot or Capri Sun; or diet or energy drinks which contain high levels of caffeine and other additives. (Even if labelled as 'sugar-free', 'no-added sugar' or 'reduced sugar' these drinks can contribute to tooth decay and provide little nutritional value).

On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you and your children a....



