



# The Howard Primary School

## Newsletter April 2022

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

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**Remember to refer to Class Dojo for daily updates**

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has been a more settled term and we have had lots of exciting events, trips and experiences which I know have enriched the curriculum. It is so nice to be back to 'normal' and being able to share our learning experiences with the other schools in our Academy. I am sure that you will share in my appreciation to my dedicated and hardworking staff at all levels. Without their dedication and commitment, the school would not be such a fantastic learning environment and happy place to be.

I would like to thank the Friends, who have been working hard to support us with a new toddler group, tadpoles for the pond and a hugely successful Chocolate Bingo at the village hall. Their support is invaluable in making the school the best it can be, so thank you to all who have supported our recent events and non-uniform days.

As we approach half term, I wish you a safe and happy time and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for what is set to be another exciting and enriching half term. We have a new menu, May Queen and other exciting events to look forward to.

Thank you everyone in our Howard family for your continued support and enthusiasm,  
We hope that you enjoy your Easter Eggs and manage to have some quality time with your family.

Best wishes,

*Miss R Mills*

**Headteacher**

### Staffing Update

This term we welcomed Miss Turner to the team. She is doing a great job cooking and feeding all the children and staff. We are looking forward to launching the exciting new menu week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please see the 'New Menu Section' on the website for details about our parent taster and Q&A session.

This term, we welcomed Miss Carroll who has joined our team. She is here temporarily until July, but she has been working hard and helping out in Class 1.

Next term, Progressive Sports focus on multi-skills will continue to provide quality sports lessons for Class 1 and 2. Madame Elliot continues to teach French and Miss Lambert provides music for Class 1 and Class 2.

Next term we welcome back Miss Jennings, who will teach Class 2 for the remainder of the academic year and Mr Challinor will be with Class 3 full time.

As you may know, today we say goodbye to Mrs Vincent. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for the care she has provided for our children over the last few years.

**Easter message from the CEO-** Please see letters section of the website

<https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

### Friends Update

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the previous Friends committee is standing down and is in the process of handing over. So far, we have a new team of 7, and we are starting to take over events and raise money for items like the '50 recommended reads'. At the same time, the outgoing team is working hard to allocate the funds previously raised to improve the school.

This term coming, we will have the May Queen celebration, Sports Day, the Summer Fayre and hopefully a few other fun things for the kids.

If you are interested in finding out more about the PTA, joining us or volunteering to help on occasion, please contact me, Rach, on 07557987616. We'd love to hear from you!

Have a wonderful Easter break all,  
**'The Friends of the Howard'**

### Parent Forum

Please join us at our next forum  
which will be on  
**Friday 24th at 3pm.**

The parent representatives for  
each class are as follows.

- Mr Sheldrake- Class 1
- Mrs Oakley - Class 2
- Mrs Standerwick - Class 3

We thank them for their time and commitment.



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## Care Club

Please complete the google forms to book your Care Club sessions for Summer 1.

WC 25.04.22 <https://forms.gle/P4Sf6d19AUHX5Hkt8>

WC2.05.22(Bank Holiday Monday)

<https://forms.gle/NXtzBk85jgksAaRcA>

WC 09.05.22 <https://forms.gle/FPp7uNtUDUJy12x6>

WC 16.05.22 <https://forms.gle/sUDVW5F9e8g3xqpX7>

Please complete the relevant forms by Friday 22nd April

We will always endeavour to provide care for emergencies,  
You can do this by contacting the office.

## 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>

For those of you who could not attend, the E-safety Parent workshop slides are on this page for your reference.

**Attendance: 96.55%**

**Target: 96.55%**

It is essential that children attend school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career. Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential.

For more information about attendance, please see the Attendance letter from Mrs Gethin, 10th January 2022, which is in the letters section of the website.

<https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

You will all receive a copy of your child's attendance to date, as a reminder.



### New Menu Launch

**New School Dinner Menu Tasting Session for Parents**  
Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 3pm in the School Hall



From Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May there will be a new school dinner menu.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at 3pm, you are invited to come to school and try some of our new and exciting healthy foods.

Our new menus are designed to give your children more brain developmental nutritional meals and healthy foods.

We use the natural sweeteners from vegetables in our parsnip and coconut flapjacks and beetroot in our chocolate brownie.

Alex our catering manager will be there to answer any of your questions and to showcase this new and exciting menu.



Please see the new menus at the bottom of this newsletter. There is a Parent's version and a child's version. Please encourage your children to select from the child's menu, because we don't want them to be put off by any ingredients, especially when the food is so delicious and nutritious!

We hope you can join us on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm for the taster sessions and Q&A.

**New After School Clubs-** £18 for the 4 sessions which will run from 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesday- Multi-sports for KS2 run by Progressive Sports

Friday- Forest school (all year groups) run by Ms Carter and Miss Carroll

If you haven't signed up already, please contact the office if you would like your child to attend.

The cost is £18 for the half term (4 sessions).

### **PE and Sports**

For Spring 2, Class 2 and 3 will take part in 'Progressive Sports', focusing on multi-skills and Class 1 will continue to have Mr Challinor for specialist sport's provision.

### **KS2 Swimming- Summer Term (Class 2 & 3 only)**

On a Friday afternoon, we will be providing 'top up' sessions for our KS2 children. We will be prioritising Y5 and Y6. You will receive a letter if your child has been allocated a space. Please complete the goggle google form (on the letter) if you wish your child to wear goggles.

### **Upcoming Dates and Events-2022**

Please check our website for constantly updated information: <https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/events>

Please also continue to check Class Dojo for regular updates.

**11th April-22nd April-** Easter Holidays

**25th April-**All children return to school at 8:30am

**27th April-**New Menu Food tasting session for parents 3pm onwards

**2nd May-** Bank Holiday Monday

**3rd May-** New menus launched

**9th May-12th May-**[KS2 Sats Week](#)

**16th May-20th May-** [KS1 SATS \(Year 2\)](#)

**18<sup>th</sup> May-** Share a Pencil Day

**23rd May-3rd June-** Whitson Holidays

**6th June-**All children return to school at 8:30am

**6th June-10th June-** [Year 1 Phonics Screening Check](#)

**6th June-10th June-**[Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check](#)

**8th June-** Year 6 Green Power Race Day

**22nd June-** May Queen Celebrations and singing around the village- details TBC

**24th June-** 3pm- Parent Forum

**7th July- 9:30am** Whole-School Sports Day (first choice)

**14th-16th-** Year 6 Residential to Borth

**18th July- 5pm** Year 6 Leavers Play at Village Hall

***Please Note: These dates and events are subject to change and will take place inline with Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions***

**School trips to be added to the website and Class Dojo, once confirmed.**

### **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>

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



Our Summer Menu

**Week 1 (02/05, 07/06, 28/06, 18/07)**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Lasagne</b>	<b>Turkey Pie</b>	<b>Pork &amp; Rice</b>	<b>Roast Chicken</b>	<b>Breaded Fish</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Veggie Meatloaf</b>	<b>Veggie Lasagne</b>	<b>Veggie Curry</b>	<b>Veggie Casserole</b>	<b>Veggie Tart</b>

**Week 2 (09/05, 13/ 06, 04/07)**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Chicken Pasta</b>	<b>Sausages and gravy</b>	<b>Turkey Curry</b>	<b>Roast Beef</b>	<b>Fishcakes</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Veggie Frittata</b>	<b>Veggie Casserole</b>	<b>Veggie Sweet &amp; Sour</b>	<b>Veggie sausage &amp; gravy</b>	<b>Cheese flan</b>

**Week 3 (16/05, 20/06, 11/07)**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Bolognaise Pasta</b>	<b>Chicken Fajita</b>	<b>Margarita pizza</b>	<b>Roast Pork</b>	<b>Fish Fingers</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Veggie Casserole</b>	<b>Veggie Quiche</b>	<b>Veggie Chilli</b>	<b>Veggie Cottage Pie</b>	<b>Macaroni cheese</b>



# Week 1: Primary



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course</b>	Homemade Beef Lasagne	Turkey & Vegetable Pie (using 1/2 wholemeal flour in pastry)	Chinese Pork	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Breaded White Fish Fillet
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Bean Loaf Slice	Quorn Lasagne	Chick Pea & Lentil Korma	Quorn & Mushroom Stroganoff	Roasted Pepper, Tomato & Basil Tart
<b>Starch Items</b>	Garlic Bread	Mashed Potato	50/50 White & Wholegrain Rice	Simply Potato Roasts <small>McCain Simply Alternatives range are prepared without oil</small>	Chips
<b>Vegetable Option 1</b>	Peas	Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Peas
<b>Vegetable Option 2</b>	Coleslaw	Sliced Green Beans	Sliced Courgette	Carrots	Baked Beans
<b>Daily Option</b>	Bread <small>Tempt pupils with a well-presented, colourful salad bar</small> Salad Bar	Bread Salad Bar	Bread <small>Bread with no added fat or oil should be available every day</small> Salad Bar	Bread Salad Bar	Bread Salad Bar
<b>Dessert Option 1</b>	Frozen Yogurt and/or Fresh Pineapple	Yogurt and/or Watermelon	Yogurt and/or Green Grapes	Frozen Yogurt with Peaches (50% fruit)	Yogurt and/or Oranges
<b>Dessert Option 2</b>	Lemon Sponge with Custard	Orange Flavour Jelly with Mandarins	Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with Custard <small>Make sure your recipe contains 50% fruit</small>	Chocolate Flavour Mousse & Biscuit	Raspberry Ripple Flavour Ice Cream Roll

For vegetarians... a portion of non-dairy protein should be served on 3 or more days each week



Ensure lower fat milk is available for drinking at least once a day during school hours and ensure free fresh drinking water is available at all times



# Week 2: Primary



Oily fish such as salmon, mackerel or sardines should be served once every 3 weeks



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course</b>	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta	Baked Pork Sausages with Onion Gravy	Turkey Tikka Curry	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	Homemade Salmon & Ketchup Fishcake
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetable Frittata <small>Pulses are a great source of protein - dairy free too!</small>	Aubergine & Lentil Casserole	Bean & Vegetable Sweet & Sour	Veggie Sausage with Onion Gravy	Cheese Flan
<b>Starch Items</b>	Wholemeal Pitta Bread	Mashed Potato	50/50 White & Wholegrain Rice <small>Use wholegrain options where possible</small>	Simply Potato Roasts <small>McCain Simply Alternatives range are prepared without oil</small>	Chips
<b>Vegetable Option 1</b>	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Cauliflower	Mashed Swede	Peas
<b>Vegetable Option 2</b>	Broccoli	Green Cabbage	Carrots	Green Beans	Baked Beans
<b>Daily Option</b>	Bread Salad Bar <small>Bread with no added fat or oil should be available every day</small>	Bread Salad Bar	Bread Salad Bar	Bread Salad Bar	Bread Salad Bar
<b>Dessert Option 1</b>	Yogurt and/or Pineapple	Frozen Yogurt with Peaches (50% fruit)	Yogurt and/or Green Grapes	Yogurt and/or Honeydew Melon	Frozen Yogurt and/or Oranges
<b>Dessert Option 2</b>	Jam Sponge with Custard	Cocoa Beetroot Brownie <small>Our hidden-goodness desserts are tried, tasted and loved in schools!</small>	Peach & Cherry Crumble with Custard <small>Make sure your recipe contains 50% fruit</small>	Apple Pie with Custard	Parsnip & Coconut Flapjack <small>Parsnips are naturally sweet - great in this hidden-goodness flapjack</small>

40-60g is the recommended portion size for vegetables



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# Week 3: Primary



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