



# The Howard Primary School

## Newsletter May 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

What a fantastic term we have had! We have welcomed the return of Miss Jennings who is the lead teacher in Class 2 and the children have settled seamlessly into the new routine. Well done Class 2.

In the short four-week term, we have achieved so much. Along with a range of quality learning experiences, we have had lots of fun. We have had some exciting enrichment activities, trips and visits, new playtime equipment, a new delicious healthy menu and best of all, a new and improved Forest School! We even have a school newt, which Class 2 has named 'Bob'. We also have tadpoles and other wildlife in our pond. It is an exciting time in school and things seem to be happening. I know that I feel elated and re-energised being able to welcome parents and volunteers back into our school, after having such a long time keeping our distance. It has been amazing, there is certainly a 'buzz' around school.

I would like to say, well done to the Year 6s and Year 2s on the way that they have tackled their SATS. Our children have approached them with confidence and resilience, and I am extremely proud of each one of them. I would also like to thank my staff for the excellent teaching, nurture and care that they have provided to prepare our children to take these tests in their stride. We now eagerly await their results.

As we move quickly towards the final term of the school year, we have a jam-packed term. We welcome you all to the 'Book Look' on Tuesday 7th June 3:30-5:30pm. We also look forward to the annual summer celebrations which we hope that you will be able to join us.

Until then, may I wish you a happy Whitsun holiday.

Best wishes,

Miss R Mills

**Headteacher**



**Message from the CEO-** Please see letters section of the website <https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/parents/letters>



### Friends Update

#### Another half term done!

PTA has welcomed lovely new members to our team, Julianne and Laura MG. If you'd like to join or become a regular volunteer, please let us know, we'd love to have you on board! Also, a massive thank you to Laurie, Laura MG and Lynn for volunteering to help with the school library.

We can see this area being transformed with your brilliant ideas!

In the last few weeks, we've been collecting pictures for our Jubilee tea towel, which is now at the printers. Thank you for your support with this. The pictures were great!

We've ordered 350 new books from local book shop, H and H Spalding, Barton under Needwood (who amazingly price matched for us!). That's 50 for each year group, which will be delivered by June.

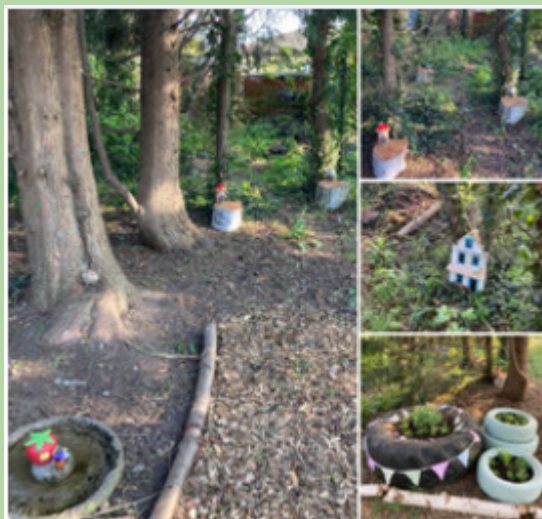
Also, some may have noticed that the border has been changed in the forest school area to increase it, and we have some very exciting plans to improve this area further, creating an even more inspiring and nurturing environment.

We are endlessly grateful to the volunteers who have given up so much weekend time to remove and add fences, amongst other things. We hope you agree that it's looking great!

The fabulous outgoing PTA team members have been obtaining quotes and completing some amazing plans for the school with the previously raised funds. They've also helped arrange some wonderful experiences for the current Y6! We hope they enjoyed the Adventure Farm and love what's yet to come!

And finally, we have been busy planning the next events. We have our traditional May Queen celebrations, sports day, the summer fair and the Jubilee colour run to come! More details to follow, but we hope the kids will enjoy them. It will certainly be an exciting end to the school year!

Thank you again and have a wonderful break,  
The Friends of the Howard



### Parent Forum

Please join us at our next forum which will be on **Friday 1st July at 3pm.** The parent representatives for each class are as follows.

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

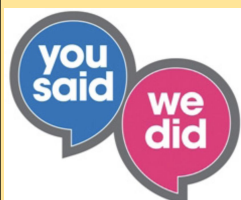
We thank them for their time and commitment.



Wow! Thank you to all who donated to our Green Day Fundraiser for Greenpower. We smashed our target and raised just over £136!

We look forward to Class 3 racing on the 8<sup>th</sup> June at Curborough!

Go Team Howard!



## Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you for completing the parent questionnaire in Spring 2. Your feedback is invaluable. Although we received overwhelmingly positive feedback in many areas, I would like to share with you what we have done about the key areas of concern.

You said you **were concerned about the quality of food**- we reviewed the food provided, launched a new healthy menu and had a parents taster session. The feedback was brilliant and included,

**"Creative", "Well-planned", "Delicious", "and "Lucky Children"**. The children are now enjoying a healthy and varied diet and that's thanks to the support of the MAT and new kitchen staff.

You said **that playtimes were a concern**- we have relaunched our play leaders with the support of Mr Challinor; we have spent £1000 on fabulous new playtime /sports equipment and revamped the Daily Mile. We are dedicated to supporting healthy lifestyle choices and promoting good mental health and well-being.

You said, we **lacked in after school clubs**- we set up regular clubs which include sports, Forest School and now Chess.

Please keep talking to us as we value your opinion. Please do not wait for questionnaires but come and see us or let your forum reps know! Together we are stronger, and we want our school to be **simply the best!**



## Care Club

Please complete the google forms to book your Care Club sessions for Summer 2.

It is really important for us to know who is attending the care club, due to safeguarding and staff ratios for the children. **We do not want to decline anyone from care club due to not being booked in.**

WC 06.06.22 <https://forms.gle/i6NHnFPWTTnkjHmS7>

WC 13.06.22 <https://forms.gle/kkdPX5QVjMKBeVqz8>

WC 20.06.22 <https://forms.gle/Eh2BQXS8EhixUebs7>

WC 27.06.22 <https://forms.gle/RDyMmJ7f4akY4zAa6>

WC 04.07.22 <https://forms.gle/XsjWz1Ykn6pXuHHt6>

WC 11.07.22 <https://forms.gle/WzmDcNHDhVktRN8i9>

WC 18.07.22 <https://forms.gle/hk6ajjv9VBLvEvqT8> (two days only)

Please complete the relevant forms by Friday 3rd June.

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

## SRE Education- Summer 2 –

### Please READ the letter on the link!

Please click the link to read about the upcoming 6-week block of SRE (Sex and Relationship Education). There you will see the units/themes covered by each year group.

Please see letters part of the website or look on Class Dojo <https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

## Time Capsule

We are busy working with the children to complete our time capsule in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. Once it is completed, we will invite you to the burial of the capsule. Let's hope that Howard pupils of the future find our life now interesting. It's great to be part of The Howard history!



## 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: 94.4%**

**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>

A copy of your child's attendance for the year will be included in your child's annual report!

### Reminder: Jubilee Photos

In celebration of The Queen's Jubilee, we have a photographer coming to school on the first day back (6th June) to take a whole school photo.

Please wear Summer Uniform for the occasion!

If you are interested in ordering one, please fill out the following form so the photographer has your details to send the gallery to when the photo is ready to view and order.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jb3Qg-EAq7UyXcqTy27Df8ucztmX7EhRtulg0LGFwsU/>





### *St Peter's Church Flower Festival*

Don't forget to visit St. Peter's Church's Flower festival on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June as part of the Jubilee celebrations for the Queen.

There will be a display of different flower arrangements in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. Go along and see if you can spot The Howard's contribution.

Please take pictures of our display when you pop along!



## Awoingt update

After the inevitable disruption into the rhythm of visits caused by Covid a small group of Elfordians will be responding to the invitation to visit Awoingt over the weekend of June 25th/26th. The invitation is still open to anyone who would like to come you would certainly be assured of a very warm welcome in Awoingt! Covid has frustrated and curtailed the aim of widening the number of people involved in this venture, but those friendships already established have indeed grown as digital contacts flourished during lockdowns.

Ever since our relationship with Awoingt began over 10 years ago the Howard School has been a keen and active participant in developing the friendship between our two villages. It had been hoped that the interactions between the Howard School and the Ecole des Sources would be quickly re-established once schools re-opened last September but an unplanned change of Headteacher in Awoingt, combined with a much slower than anticipated return to normality there, has meant that things have stagnated rather than progressed. However, one of the main aims of the visit in June will be to reconnect the communications between the two schools and allow friendships to grow once again.

Greg Watkins, Chris Billingham (billrckf@aol.com)



### **New After School Clubs-**

Sign up for Summer Term 2 After School Clubs. These will start on week commencing 06.06.22.

Monday- Class 2&3 Chess Club with Mrs Aminu -3:30-4:30pm

<https://forms.gle/RbLA5U7Dg93zXBwj6>

Wednesday- Class 1- Multi-sports with Mr Hand from Progressive sports- 3:30-4:30pm

<https://forms.gle/GE5aaLGXBtsyGpGM9>

Friday- Whole-School Forest School with Ms Carter and Miss Carroll- 3:30-5:00pm

<https://forms.gle/bYHpkxiuZeoHSzFHA>

It is important that you complete the google form, so we know the numbers. Children cannot just turn up!

### **PE and Sports**

For Summer 2, Class 1 and 2 will take part in 'Progressive Sports', focusing on multi-skills and Class 3 will continue to have Mr Challinor for specialist sport's provision. Please note that 'Top up' swimming has now finished.



### Some of the upcoming events

#### 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.

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

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

**6th June-** Whole-school photograph for Queen's Jubilee

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

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

**7th June- Book look Tuesday-** parents welcome to come into school and view your child's books

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

**10th June-** Jubilee Colour Run 3:30-4:30

**21st June-** May Walk & singing around the village (May Sticks required) 9am start from school playground.

**22nd June-** May Queen Celebrations - see website for details

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

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

**8th July-** School reports are sent to parents

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

**15th July-** Summer Fayre

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

**19th July-2pm** Year 6 leavers Service in the church



#### 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....

**Whitsun**



# 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	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 Salad Bar	Bread Salad Bar	Bread 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	Chocolate Flavour Mousse & Biscuit	Raspberry Ripple Flavour Ice Cream Roll

40-60g is the recommended portion size for vegetables

Tempt pupils with a well-presented, colourful salad bar

Bread with no added fat or oil should be available every day

McCain Simply Alternatives range are prepared without oil

Make sure your recipe contains 50% fruit

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>

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# Week 3: Primary



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