

Class One Newsletter

Firstly, on behalf of everyone at The Howard Primary School, we would like to wish you all a very warm welcome! We are looking forward to getting to know you and working with you all during the academic year.

We wanted to share some additional information with you about your child's forthcoming year in Reception that was not included during our open evening. Please read the information below carefully and if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



Thank you for attending our transition sessions. It was so lovely to meet you all and to see the children enjoying the activities that we planned. We are excited to welcome them back to school in September where we will kick start our learning journey, by completing a topic called, '**Marvellous Me**'. During this topic we will be learning all about one another, our likes and dislikes, our families and where we live, our bodies and senses as well as how we can take care of ourselves and each other. Over the coming year, your child will be experiencing a variety of fun educational activities to help them to develop in all areas of learning.

House Points:

Across our MAT we have different houses that our children belong to. These are used for different school events including sports days and school competitions. Our houses are called, 'Air', 'Earth', 'Fire' and 'Water'. All of our Reception children have been assigned a house team. If they have a sibling who already attends our school, they have joined the same house team.

Class 1			
Air	Earth	Fire	Water
Alba	Cressida	Sam	Emilia
Logan	Theo	Leo	
Willa		Freya	
		Braxton	

Recommended Reads:

Each year group in our MAT has list of recommended reads. Below are the details of some suggested texts that you could share with your child at home. The full list is available at:-

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/reception>

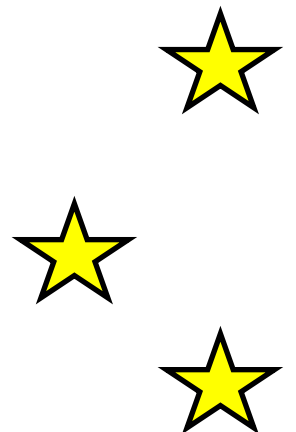


Tips for starting school:

Here are a few ways in which you can support your child with getting ready to start school.



R	ecognising my name will help me find my peg and drawer and put my belongings away
E	agerness to explore, join in with games, take turns and share will help me in my play
A	sking for help from an adult if I hurt myself or need to toilet
D	ressing myself by putting on my coat and shoes is something to practise too
Y	ou will be ready, of that we are sure! Ready to start you exciting school adventures.



Ways to support your child’s learning this year:

- Talk to your child about what they have been doing at school.
- Share daily the books that your children will be bringing home.
- Practise sounds and words sent home.
- Work with your children on their homework activity grids which we will be sending home periodically.
- Counting numbers, objects and movements to 20 and beyond.
- Recognising numbers in the environment, i.e. numbers on doors, in shops, on car number plates.

Summer Reading Bingo:



The Summer Reading Bingo is an activity for children to complete over the summer holidays. The focus is on reading for pleasure experiences rather than specific texts, with activities like *make a den and read inside*, *read in the dark using a torch* and *read to a pet or a soft toy*. Children can choose *what* they read for the challenges.

Attached to the newsletter are the bingo cards, for the summer reading bingo, for you to complete at your leisure. Have fun and enjoy reading together!

Care Club details:

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

- WC 05.09.22 <https://forms.gle/6oNPlus4pSM4qQQtv6>
- WC 12.09.22 <https://forms.gle/QQkRhw5fGPcgx8HQ7>
- WC 19.09.22 <https://forms.gle/yY6o35RPrCrorxMD8>
- WC 26.09.22 <https://forms.gle/T6ttMj8mFAd6wsJ16>
- WC 03.10.22 <https://forms.gle/LwPffQq4sXqs5iGE9>
- WC 10.10.22 <https://forms.gle/t6kxaQbNZJEY5mho8>
- WC 17.10.22 <https://forms.gle/Ah5zcc7SW4G3Wxiu5>

Please complete the relevant forms by 30.08.22
 Please Note: Friday after-school has not been offered due to lack of interest. Please contact the office, if this is an issue and we will endeavour to assist.
 We will always endeavour to provide care for emergencies, you can do this by contacting the office.

First half term of school

During the first half term of school, we will spending time, getting to know our children. Our classroom will be set up with exciting, welcoming activities for the children to explore. We will begin to introduce, short adult led activities linked to Literacy, Maths and Phonics.

Water bottles and snack:

Your child will be provided with a water bottle which will be washed and kept at school. Our children will have access to water throughout the school day. They will also be provided with a snack in the morning and during the afternoon. This will be a piece fruit.

Menus at The Howard:

Healthy eating is essential for our children and at the Howard we pride ourselves on promoting this through the wonderful food we provide our pupils, at lunchtime. We are continually instilling the importance of healthy food choices by educating our children on how exciting healthy eating can be. We have our ‘Phunky foods’ club, in school which the children and staff are very passionate about.

For more information please visit our school website.

Week 1: Primary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Tomato & Beef Lasagne	Tomato & Vegetable Pie	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Beefed Chicken Pie
Vegetarian	Beef & Lamb Stew	Goat Lasagne	Chicken Pie & Lamb Stew	Spiced Chicken & Sweet Potato	Roast Beef, Mushroom & Onion Pie
Search Recipe	Beef & Lamb Stew	Roast Chicken	Chicken Pie & Lamb Stew	Spiced Chicken & Sweet Potato	Roast Beef, Mushroom & Onion Pie
Vegetarian Option 1	Beef & Lamb Stew	Roast Chicken	Chicken Pie & Lamb Stew	Spiced Chicken & Sweet Potato	Roast Beef, Mushroom & Onion Pie
Vegetarian Option 2	Beef & Lamb Stew	Roast Chicken	Chicken Pie & Lamb Stew	Spiced Chicken & Sweet Potato	Roast Beef, Mushroom & Onion Pie
Dessert	Apple Pie	Apple Pie	Apple Pie	Apple Pie	Apple Pie
Drinks	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

First day of school:



Your child’s first day of school will be **Monday 5th September.** We understand that this can be quite a nervous time for parents and children, so if you do need to speak to us, we will be available at the beginning and end of the school day.

School website and Class blog:

Our school website is full of information about the day to day running of our school. It is updated regularly with dates and other important information. Our classes also produce a weekly blog which can be found on their pages. Our Class 1 blog will showcase the work that the children have done during the week in the form of a written explanation and a gallery of photos. This is a great tool to start a dialogue with you child about their experiences of school.

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: 94.76%

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!

Library Sessions:

We will be running weekly library sessions in the Autumn Term. These sessions will be an opportunity for you to come into school for 20 minutes to read a book, with your child and choose one to take home. This will be in addition to the Monster Phonics reading scheme book that your child will be given as part of our home, school reading program. Look out for further details of library on our class blog.



If you have any concerns about your child's progress, or what is happening in school, please come and talk to us. Our Early Year's staff are available before and after school for you to talk to. Remember your child is special and unique. All children develop at different rates, in different ways, so please do not compare your child's development with another child. If we have any concerns, we will talk you about it, and keep you informed as to how we are supporting your child to reach their full potential.

We look forward to fun and exciting term with you and your child.

The Early Years Team