



<u>Week commencing Monday 7th January 2019</u>		School dinner menu: Menu Week 1
Monday 7th		Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes
Tuesday 8th		No achievement assembly today
Wednesday 9th		Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme
Thursday 10th		
Friday 11th	1.50 – 3.30pm	Guitar lessons with Mr Walters

PERMISSIONS, PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

Permissions or Payments	Total Amount due	Deadline
Whitemoor Lakes Years 3 & 4	£85 £30 Deposit £30 £25	28th February – full amount 20th December 2018 31st January 2019 28th February
Christingle service reply class 3	£3.00	Monday 14.01.19 – reply 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

*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.

The final day of term is Friday 21st December, and school closes at 3.30pm.

Students and staff return to school at 8.30am on Monday 7th January 2019.

It has been a busy but exciting term so far, and all the staff and children would like to say a massive thank you to all for your support throughout the year. We are looking forward to the term and year ahead with lots of enrichment opportunities planned.

A very big thank you for all the cards, gifts and well wishes. From everyone at The Howard, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year!



Howard's Got Talent

Well, Howard certainly has got an abundance of talent! Thank you to all the children who entertained us for the afternoon. We hope that you enjoyed your prize! Thanks also to Hollie Tell for organising the afternoon: it was most enjoyable!

Winning streak!

The Howard continues its winning streak with an exciting prize from the National Literacy Trust. Class 3 entered a creative writing competition and recently received an email stating that Holly Jones had been chosen as 1 of the 25 winning entries across the country. We have been awarded an author visit for the whole school and look forward to seeing who will be visiting our school.

In addition, Class 3 entered a STEM competition for the chance to win a grant from Warwick University to take part in their "Goblin Racing" event. We recently found out our entry had won and our school will be taking part in a year-long project where we will build and race our own car. Howard will be receiving a new shed and a car building kit. Year 6 will be racing the car on completion at The University of Warwick. We have Dr. Allen coming in every other week to guide us on our car building journey and will be making a blog about our work.

Parent workshops

On 26th February 2019 we will be holding two parent workshops. Both of these workshops will commence at 3pm until 3.30pm.

Reception – reading workshop. Helping your child to read at home

Year 1 – phonics workshop. To help parents support their child at home with the forthcoming national phonics screening check in June

Photos and videos within school

As a school, it is our responsibility to safeguard all children within our care, and it is with this in mind that must release the following statement:

We, as a school, fully respect that parents wish to photograph and video their own children at special events or assemblies that happen within our school. We do not wish to prevent parents from taking these precious photos or videos. However, we must politely ask that parents do not upload these images or videos to any form of social media, but instead keep them for their own personal use.

MEDICINE

Due to school policy we are only able to administer prescribed medications in school.

Medicine that needs to be taken three times a day should be given at breakfast, immediately after school and again at bedtime. Therefore, only prescribed medication, which needs to be taken four times a day, can be administered in school.

All medication must be handed in to the school office in its original packaging and must be clearly labelled. A medication form will also have to be filled in by a person with parental responsibility. If your child requires an un-prescribed medication, you will need to come into school to administer this. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

ABSENCE MESSAGES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the school office by 9am (01827 383292). Please do not send messages through another child, emails or DOJO messages for pupil absences. Thank you.

<u>Children's Voice</u>

Wear green to school – Friday 19th January 2019

To raise money for the eco council bring in a pound and you can wear green to school. If you don't have green clothes you can just wear non-school uniform. All money raised will go to buying litter pickers. We would like to raise £72.58.
Thank you – the Eco Council.

Achievement Assembly in January

Achievements Assembly date	Out of school achievement
15.01.19	Class 1
22.01.19	Class 2
29.01.19	Class 3

Snack Wednesdays

Snack payment is now available for January and February. Please note that these are individual items on parentpay, and each month must be paid as an individual item.

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
January	Cup of hot chocolate & toasted buttered bagel
February	Heart shaped biscuit
March	Banana & Apple Smoothie

What the classes have done this week

Class 1: Class 1, have had a jam packed week. We have been making Christmas decorations for our Design Technology project which focused on our cutting and sewing skills. We have also made Christingles this week which links in with our RE topic that has looked at celebrations including Diwali, Purim and Advent.

I would also like to say a huge well done to all of Class 1 who have worked so hard this term, you are all amazing! Have a lovely Christmas break!

Class 2: This week, we have been learning about Statistics in Maths. We have also been making Snowmen in DT using our sewing skills. We have enjoyed all of the Christmas activities that we've taken part in this week.

Class 3: This week, we have been super busy making our fairground rides in DT. We have made moveable Christmas rides with electronic circuits - they look amazing and we have really enjoyed it. We also had a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday and enjoyed party games and a special visitor.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception, Year 4 & Year 6, who all achieved 100% attendance for week commencing Monday 10th December 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust			Trust Attendance
Attendance for week commencing Monday 10 th December 2018			Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	96.38	98.24	100.00
Year 1	96.00	100.00	99.23
Year 2	95.71	98.67	98.18
Year 3	93.33	97.89	98.00
Year 4	98.75	97.22	100.00
Year 5	95.45	96.84	90.00
Year 6	96.67	92.31	100.00
Whole School	96.40	97.39	97.97



A huge thank you to all parents for supporting our latest fundraisers.

The craft bags raised £180 and the nativity photos raised £80. Every penny of this will go into school funds.

Since September, the Friends have funded...

Scooter & bike racks
Pantomime transport & snacks
Outdoor play equipment

Thanks again for all your support during the year!

Easy Fundraising

If you're busy grabbing some Black Friday bargains online, please remember to log into easy fundraising before you make your purchases. EVERY purchase raises money for school funds so we can buy more of the things our children really want.

Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/howardps. Log in and type in the name of the retailer and you will be taken to the retailer's website. The donation is made behind the scenes and the Friends benefit. It's really that simple!

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Important dates 2018 -2019

Please note these dates are subject to change

January 2019	
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.
Thursday 24 th	Young Voices – letters sent home
Wednesday 30 th	Class 1 & 2 trip to Space centre – more details to follow
February	

Wednesday 13 th	Manchester Camerata – details to follow
Wednesday 13 th	Parents Evening – details to follow
Friday 15 th	Break up for February half term – 3.30pm
Monday 25 th	Children and staff return to school
Tuesday 26 th	Reception & Year 1 workshops – details above
April	
Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3 rd	Years 3 & 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential – letters sent home