



<u>Week commencing Monday 21st January 2019</u>		School dinner menu: Menu Week 3
Monday 21st		Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes
Tuesday 22nd	3.00pm	Achievement assembly today. Class 1 outside achievements
Wednesday 23rd	1.30 – 2.30pm 4.00 – 5.00pm	Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme Class 3 Christingle Service St Mary's Church, Stafford Letters sent home Academy Choir. Please collect your children from school at 5.20
Thursday 24th	11.30am – 10.30pm	Young Voices – Letters sent home
Friday 25th	1.50 – 3.30pm	Guitar lessons with Mr Walters Private & class lessons

PERMISSIONS, PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

Permissions or Payments	Total Amount due	Deadline
Whitemoor Lakes	£85	28th February – full amount
Years 3 & 4	£30	31st January 2019
	£25	28th February
Christingle service reply class 3	£3.00	Monday 14.01.19 – reply deadline
Space Centre Class 1 & 2	£15.80	Monday 21.01.19
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.

Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair is back again! It will be arriving at The Howard on 24th of January and will be collected on the 31st. This is a fantastic opportunity to pick up the latest books and stationary, whilst also helping us to replenish our books in school. Scholastic have offered us 100% match for match on whatever we raise. Thank you for your support.

Parent workshops

On 26th February 2019 we will be holding two parent workshops (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.

Achievement Assembly in January & February

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

Snack Wednesdays

If you would like your child to have snack in February please sign up using Parentpay.

Snack payment is now available for 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 super week, In Maths, we have all been looking at weight and volumes and in English we have based our writing around the story 'Whatever Next'. This week in topic we have been making pinch pots and space themed tiles using clay. Well done Class 1.

Class 2: This week, we have been learning to add and subtract using the column method in Maths. In English, we have been writing poems about the seaside based on the sound collector. In science, we have been trying to find out which materials for building a house and will withstand the air from a hairdryer. We have been learning about Neil Armstrong landing on the moon.

Class 3: This week, we have continued looking at mythological beasts and will be writing our own information texts about different beasts next week. In Science, we looked at our heart rates and how the heart works. In History we decided whether we would prefer to live in Athens or Sparta. We have also started our Art topic on Ancient Greek pottery.

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception, years 2, 3, 4 & 6 who all achieved 100% attendance for week commencing Monday 7th January 2019

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 7 th January 2019			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	97.10	94.12	100.00
Year 1	100.00	100.00	95.00
Year 2	92.86	92.00	100.00
Year 3	95.00	96.84	100.00
Year 4	100.00	98.89	100.00
Year 5	96.00	97.89	85.00
Year 6	98.46	100.00	100.00
Whole School	97.04	97.04	96.89



Bags2School

The school has now signed up to a collection clothes recycling service for any unwanted clothes, soft toys etc. There will be a bag sent home with your child next week so if you have any clothes lying around the Christmas clear out then please send them into school for the collection which will be on the 8th Feb. The details are written on the bag of what is accepted. Any clothes that have already been donated have been stored in the shed which will all be donated on collection day. Any additional bags needed will be in reception- donate as many as you can!!!

100 Club

Entries for the 2019 '100 club' are now open!!! The cost is £24 per number for the year with a monthly prize draw to win two cash prizes- the more people play the bigger the prize pot!! please contact Anna on 07713487826 to sign up!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our PTA events in 2018- we'd like to share how we've been spending the funds we've raised through our PTA events.

Since September, PTA funds have purchased:

- Outdoor giant games & equipment
- Bike and scooter racks
- Snacks for the pantomime trip

During the first term of 2019, the PTA will be paying for:

- Slime Workshops for each year group during Science Week
- Author visit from Steve Smallman (author and illustrator of books such as 'Monkey with a Bright Blue Bottom' and 'The Very Greedy Bee')
- First Aid and Basic Lifesaving courses for both pupils and parents

Our first fundraising event of 2019 will be a Valentine's Popcorn Party on 14th February. Consent forms will be coming home next week so please encourage your children to attend, as every penny goes to school funds. If any parents are able to help after school on the 14th Feb, we would love to hear from you- please speak to Anna Crutchley, Louise Payne, Ameer Denyer-Smith or Philippa Wood.

Easy Fundraising

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	
Wednesday 23 rd	Class 3 Trip, Christingle Celebration at St Mary's Church in Stafford - letters sent home
Thursday 24 th	Young Voices – letters sent home
Wednesday 30 th	Class 1 & 2 trip to Space centre – letters sent home
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
Wednesday 27 th	Balance bikes – more details to follow
March	
Wednesday 6 th	Balance bikes – more details to follow
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th	Balance bikes – more details to follow
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief
Wednesday 20 th	Balance bikes – more details to follow
April	
Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3 rd	Years 3 & 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential – letters sent home
Thursday 11 th	Easter service at St Peters – 2pm
Friday 12 th	School closes to children and staff
Monday 15 th – Friday 26 th	Easter holidays
Monday 29 th	Children and staff return to school
May	
Monday 6 th	Mayday bank holiday – School closed to children and staff
Friday 24 th May	School closes to children and staff
Monday 27 th – Friday 7 th June	School closed to children and staff
June	
Monday 10 th	Children and staff return to school
July	
Monday 15 th	End of year church service 1.45pm
Tuesday 16 th – Thursday 18 th	Borth Year 6
Friday 19 th	School closes to students