



<u>Week commencing Monday 4th February 2019</u>		School dinner menu: Menu Week 2
Monday 4th		Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes
Tuesday 5th	3.00pm	Author visit to class 3 Achievement assembly today. Class 3 outside achievements
Wednesday 6th	4.00 – 5.00pm	Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme Academy Choir. Please collect your children from school at 5.20
Thursday 7th		
Friday 8th	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 Years 3 & 4	£85 £30 £25	28th February – full amount 31st January 2019 28th February
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.

School Office

Please be reminded that the school office is unmanned from 1.00pm each day. Please make care club arrangements with Mrs Robertson before this time. If your query is of an urgent nature Miss Bolton at Richard Crosse can get a message over to the staff at The Howard, but this should only happen when your query is of an urgent nature. All other queries should be dealt with during office hours 8.15am – 1.00pm

Book Fair

Wow, with your support we have managed to raise over £420 from book sales at the book fair. This is amazing, thank you to all the children and parents who have got involved with it. This means we will be able to purchase over £400 worth of new reading material for the school. Amazing total, thank you!

Manchester Camerata Year 2 & 3 only

On the day of the Manchester Camerata trip we can provide your child with a packed lunch. Children in Year 2 are entitled under universal free school meal and children in Year 3, this will be charged to your parentpay account in the usual way. Please let the office know if your child requires a packed lunch from school.

Author visit for Class 3

After Holly's fantastic entry for the National Literacy Trust competition, we are pleased to inform you that on Tuesday 5th March, Class 3 will have a visit from the author Dave Cousins. He will be talking to the children about becoming a writer and carrying out a drawing workshop with the children. We are so proud of all of the children's efforts with the competition and feel extremely lucky to have a famous author visit our school. This is all thanks to Holly – well done! If you would like to have a look at his work please see the below link (<https://www.davecousins.net/>) If you really like his work and want to buy a book you can order online and have your book signed on the day.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be participating in World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. We look forward to seeing you all.

House Teams

We wanted to tell you all about our House Teams. All the children have been sorted into a house team, either Earth, Air, Wind or Fire. Throughout the year, the house teams will be taking part in some exciting events with some friendly competition between the houses. The events we have already got planned are, cross country and a spelling competition. Points will be awarded for each event, 200 points for winners of each event, 150 for 2nd, 100 for 3rd and 50 for 4th.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February 2019 is safer internet. Please follow the link below for some helpful tips on keeping you and your family safe on the internet and also the attached document with this planner.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/bd227427019036d582c40c448/files/f02557ba-3562-43ca-816d-24657ef18ebf/Safer_Internet_Day.01.pdf?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=2e45ad7298-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_30_10_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-2e45ad7298-179218665

CHOIR

The words for the following songs can now be found on the website:

<https://www.howard.staffs.sch.uk/keyinformation/choir>

City of Stars
Make Your Own Kind of Music
St. Elmo's Fire
Voulez Vous

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.

Achievement Assembly in January & February

Achievements Assembly date	Out of school achievement
05.02.19	Class 1
12.02.19	Class 2
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26.02.19	Class 3
05.03.19	Class 1
12.03.19	Class 2
19.03.19	Class 3
26.03.19	Class 1

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
February	Heart shaped biscuit
March	Banana & Apple Smoothie
April	Chocolate dipped fruits

What the classes have done this week

Class 1: Class 1 have had a super week. In Maths, Reception have been looking at position and Year 1 have been measuring length. In English, we have continued writing about the character Bob and his adventures on the moon. We had a super day at the Space Centre and the children were all extremely well behaved. Well done Class 1!

Class 2: This week, we've been working hard in the classroom and on our school trip. In Maths, we've been learning about division. In English, we've continued to learn about space and have written blogs about our trip to the National Space Centre. We all enjoyed our trip to the National Space Centre and learned a lot about all aspects of space.

Class 3: This week has been another busy week in Class 3. We experimented in science with skittles and rice to look at how nutrients are transported around the body - ask us if we know what diffusion and osmosis means! In Art, the children have been producing watercolour Greek pottery designs - they are amazing! In History, we have been learning about Ancient Greek warfare and famous battles. We have also been working hard in our house teams to get some great cross-country scores!

Howard Racing

Work on the racing car is going well. If you would like to follow the childrens progress, please follow the links below to see what they have been upto this week.

Here's this week's video diary from the pupils:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9PEReZTLBY>

And the twitter account also has a few photos from this week's session:

<https://twitter.com/TheHowardRacing>

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception, years 3, 5 and 6 who all achieved 100% attendance for week commencing Monday 21st January 2019

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 21 st January 2019			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	89.86	97.65	91.67
Year 1	100.00	100.00	95.71
Year 2	98.57	97.33	95.45
Year 3	100.00	96.84	100.00
Year 4	100.00	96.67	98.18
Year 5	98.00	97.37	100.00
Year 6	95.38	100.00	100.00
Whole School	96.92	97.83	97.05



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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Howard Website	www.howard.staffs.sch.uk

Important dates 2018 -2019

Please note these dates are subject to change

February	
Tuesday 5 th	Safer internet day
Wednesday 13 th	Manchester Camerata – letter sent home
Wednesday 13 th	Parents Evening – letter sent home
Thursday 14 th	Friends Valentines popcorn party 3.30 – 5.30pm more 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 – letters sent home
March	
Tuesday 5 th	Years 5 & 6 visit to Warwick University Advanced Propulsion Centre 8.30 – 4.30pm More details to follow
Wednesday 6 th	Balance bikes – letters sent home
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day details to follow
Wednesday 13 th	Balance bikes – more details to follow
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief
Wednesday 20 th	Balance bikes – letters sent home
Thursday 21 st	Year 1 & 2 sleepover – letter sent home
Friday 22 nd	Years 1 & 2 non uniform day. 2pm collection Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 teddy bears picnic
Tuesday 26 th	Author visit class 1 & 2 Steve Smallman
April	
Monday 1 st	Health & Wellbeing day – all pupils to come dressed in PE Kit
Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3 rd	Years 3 & 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential – letters sent home
Friday 5 th	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate
Thursday 11 th	Easter service at St Peters – 2pm
Thursday 11 th	Chocolate bingo 5.30pm start – more details to follow
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
Wednesday 19 th	Race Day Green car – more details to follow
Monday 24 th	Sports Day
July	
Wednesday 17 th	Summer Fayre
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