



<u>Week commencing Monday 11th March 2019</u>		School dinner menu: Menu Week 3
Monday 11th		Private Music lessons with Mrs Parkes
Tuesday 12th	3pm	NO Achievement assembly today Science fair – all parents invited into school from 3pm
Wednesday 13th	AM 4.00 – 5.00pm	Break-time snack- to all those that have signed up to the scheme Balanceability – letters sent home Academy Choir
Thursday 14th	3.00-4.00pm	SATS booster for year 6
Friday 15th	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 £25	28th February – full amount 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.

Comic Relief

The School Council would like to raise money for Comic Relief by having a crazy hair or hat day on Friday 15th March. Please bring £1 to wear your craziest hair or hat to school.



Basic First Aid classes



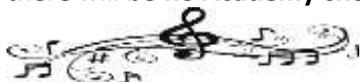
On Tuesday 2nd April 2019, Mrs Denyer-Smith will be coming into school to work with the Class 1 children. This will be an introduction to basic first aid skills at an age-appropriate level.

On Wednesday 10th April 2019, Mrs Denyer-Smith will return to school to teach Class 2 the basic first aid skills for their ages.

Class 3 will learn first aid with Mrs Denyer-Smith on Wednesday 12th June 2019.

Choir

Please note that there will be **no Academy choir on Wednesday 3rd April 2019** due to the Whitemoor Lakes Residential for years 3 & 4.



Messy Mice

Messy Mice will run in the school hall on Thursday 21st March 2019 from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Everyone welcome, and all children to be accompanied by an adult.

Mothering Sunday

On Sunday 31st March at 9.30am, 'Café Church' will be hosting breakfast followed by a service at 10.15am. The children will be singing a familiar Mothers' Day song. All welcome.

Focus on Food

The Trust is currently doing a lot of work around our food offering within schools. Parents should have received a letter this week detailing some of the exciting developments. If you have any questions about our focus on food, or think you could help in any way, please contact Jacqui Bowman on j.bowman@tssmat.staffs.sch.uk

Trainee Teacher

Have you been keeping up with the #TraineeTakeover over on the @NFTSchool Instagram this week? Don't worry if you've missed some, all stories will be highlighted under 'Trainee Takeover', in the meantime, use the nametag to make sure you're kept up to date.

Online Safety for families

As you may be aware, there have been a lots of media reports and press stories causing concerns about threatening 'challenges' linked to scary images. After a lot of research, guidance suggests that we do not perpetuate this scaremongering or publicity by mentioning particular names.

The general advice is to continue to raise the profile of e-safety and keeping safe online, discussing things that may upset our children online or what to do if someone tells or dares them to do things that they do not want to do.

We can help by telling our children about 'general' risks or dangers on 'any' app, game or site and how to combat this.

If you have any concerns or need help or guidance, then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

As an integral part of our curriculum, we constantly discuss and refer to staying safe online. Working together we can make our children social media/internet savvy.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/dont-panic/what-to-do-if-you-see-something-upsetting-online>

Parent Handbook

The Trust has produced a Parent Handbook for all parents, new and old to our schools. We hope this will contain all the information you need when your child starts at one of our schools and act as a reference point for any questions you might have whilst your child is with us. The Handbook will be given to new parents as their child starts at our school, and can be found on our website. We encourage all parents to download a copy for information.

Achievement Assembly in February & March

Achievements Assembly date	Out of school achievement
12.03.19	Class 2-CANCELLED due to science workshop
19.03.19	Class 2 & 3
26.03.19	Class 1

Please note that there is no achievement assembly on 12th March 2019. On Tuesday 19th March outside achievements will be class 2 & 3.

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
March	Banana & Apple Smoothie
April	Chocolate dipped fruits

What the classes have done this week

Class 1: We have had another enjoyable week. In Maths, Reception have continued looking at addition whilst Year 1 have been looking at fractions. In English, we have continued to follow “Supertato and Evil Pea” on their adventures resulting in the children producing some fantastic writing. In topic we have continued with our Geography unit on Weather Patterns. Well done Class 1, keep up the hard work!

Well done to the children who are taking part in Balanceability. The trainer, Mrs Lucas, commented on the excellent behaviour and manners of all the children.

Class 2: This week, we have been reading and writing about “The Disgusting Sandwich” in English. We have been learning to measure weight in Maths and we have been learning about the Easter story in RE.

Class 3: It’s been another busy week!

We have been to Warwick University - we were able to: design steering wheels using CAD technology, use augmented reality to put our steering wheels onto our cars, see simulations for driverless vehicles and look into the reasons behind research into economic cars. The children's behaviour was exemplary and we all had a fantastic day - many thanks to Dr Allen and The University of Warwick. Also in ICT, Year 4 have been coding using different technologies. Class 3 also enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday - dressing as our favourite characters.

Howard Racing

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

Pleaser follow us on Twitter and share with your friends.

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, Year 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 who all achieved 100% attendance for week commencing Monday 25th February 2019. What a fantastic achievement, well done!

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust			Trust Attendance
Attendance for week commencing Monday 25th February 2019			Target 97%
	St. Mary’s	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	92.75	95.88	100.00
Year 1	100.00	99.29	100.00
Year 2	100.00	98.67	100.00
Year 3	100.00	99.47	100.00
Year 4	97.33	100.00	98.18
Year 5	97.78	96.84	100.00
Year 6	98.33	96.92	100.00
Whole School	97.59	98.17	99.67

WWF’s Earth Hour

Maybe you could get involved at home?





PTA open meeting 21st March 7pm The Crown

The PTA is not an exclusive club. Come along to discuss the PTA events that are planned for this year and have your say! If you've ever thought about helping at an event or getting more involved then come along to The Crown on 21st March from 7pm. Everyone welcome!

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!

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!

Important dates 2018 -2019

Please note these dates are subject to change

March	
Tuesday 12th	Science fair – parents invited into school from 3pm
Wednesday 13th	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 2nd	Basic first aid Class 1
Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3 rd	Years 3 & 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential – letters sent home
Friday 5 th	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate
Tuesday 9 th	Garrick performance for Choir children – Letters sent home
Wednesday 10th	Basic first aid class 2
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 15th – Friday 26th	Easter holidays
Monday 29th	Children and staff return to school
May	
Monday 6th	Mayday bank holiday – School closed to children and staff
Monday 13 th	SATs week
Friday 17 th	Year 6 visit to the Adventure Farm
Wednesday 22 nd	Mayday celebrations with May Queen
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 10th	Children and staff return to school
Wednesday 12th	Basic first aid class 3
Wednesday 19 th	Race Day Green car – more details to follow

Monday 24 th	Sports Day
July	
Friday 12 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

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