



<u>Week Commencing Monday 3rd December 2018</u>		School Dinner Menu: Week 1
Monday 3rd December	8.00am Lunchtime	Last day the Scholastic Book Fair is in school Year 6 Study Club Study Club for Year 6
Tuesday 4th December	Lunchtime 3.30 – 4.30pm	lunchtime clubs – Netball Club KS2, Football Club Y3 & 4, Lego Club KS1, Yoga Club KS2 Year 5 & 6 Football Club
Wednesday 5th December	8.00am 4.00 – 5.00pm	Year 6 Study Club Academy Choir Informal Parents Evening
Thursday 6th December	8.00am 2.45pm 3.30 – 4.30pm	Christingle Making Year 6 Study Club Achievement Worship – All welcome! KS2 Drama Club
Friday 7th December	Lunchtime	Y5 & 6 Running Club – cancelled due to building work

PERMISSIONS, PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

Permissions or Payments	*Total Amount £	Deadline
Academy Choir	£30	£10 to be paid by the end of each term
Nursery Wrap Around Care	Amount as charged	Half termly
Care Club	amount as charged	weekly
Dinner money	amount as charged	weekly

All payments should be made using ParentPay unless stated otherwise. We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare payments for care club and nursery wrap around care. If you wish to pay using tax-free childcare payments, please inform the office of your TFC reference so that we can correctly add your payments onto your ParentPay account.

Reminders

Everyone – Please return your Christingle slip by 3.12.18
Year 5 – Please return your Bikeability form



Christingle

On Sunday 9th December, it will be our Christingle service in church. Letters have been sent home and everybody is welcome to attend. On Thursday 7th December, children will be making their Christingles in preparation, so if possible please send your child to school with an orange. If your child is attending the service, please make sure hair is tied back if necessary, and bring your Christingle donation boxes along, thank you.



Informal Parents Evening

On Wednesday 5th December, we will be holding an informal parents evening. No appointments are needed for this, parents are welcome to drop in any time between 3.30 and 5.00pm. Please only attend if you have any questions or issues that you need to speak to your child's teacher about, thank you.

Achievements

For week commencing the 26th November 2018, the following children received Star of the Week in our Achievement Worship celebrating their achievements:



Class 1	Isabelle Whiting	For working hard on her writing and fabulous number work
Class 2	Lucas Bowman Maybel Boswell	For a super effort with his reading For a super effort with her handwriting
Class 3	Alex Bowman	For improving his handwriting
Class 4	Rowan Hopson	For showing resilience and improving handwriting
Class 5	Amelia Halifax	For an amazing attitude to maths



Attendance

Well done to Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 for achieving the highest attendance in school with 100% for the week commencing Monday 19th November 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 19 th November 2018			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	91.30	100.00	80.00
Year 1	100.00	100.00	94.62
Year 2	87.86	98.67	96.36
Year 3	93.33	100.00	98.00
Year 4	100.00	100.00	98.00
Year 5	96.36	95.50	97.50
Year 6	99.17	100.00	96.67
Whole School	95.12	99.05	94.92

Polite Reminder to Parents/Carers from the School Age Immunisation Team

We shall be visiting school on Tuesday 11th December to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to Reception to Year 5 children. Thank you to those who have returned a completed consent form already. If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu, please complete the consent form and return to school as soon as possible. If you have mislaid the form, please contact the team on 03001240366 to complete a verbal consent form over the phone. Thank you.



Academy Choir – Festival of Christmas at Lichfield Cathedral

As you may be aware, tickets for the Festival of Christmas at Lichfield Cathedral have now sold out. Some parents have been unable to get tickets. If you have any tickets that you no longer need, please let the office know, thank you.

Reception Places – September 2019

The closing date for applications for admission into Reception is 15th January 2019. The best way to apply is online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. All parents must make an application. If an application is not made, it should not be assumed that your child will automatically be admitted to your preferred school. If your child attends our Nursery, this does not guarantee them a place. For more information, please speak to the school office or the admissions team at Staffordshire County Council.

Reindeer Run

Some of the Richard Crosse teachers are taking part in the Rudolph Run on the 2nd of December, please donate any spare money towards this worthwhile cause. By donating, you are helping to care for local people and their families, living with a potentially terminal illness. We are trying to raise sponsorship which will help St Giles to continue to provide care and support free of charge to patients and their families.



Please help us to raise much needed funds. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anna-jade>

What the children learnt this week:

Class 1 – This week, Class 1 has been invaded with vegetables as we started our work on the text Supertato! Reception have worked on putting action to the story and have been writing descriptions of our hero, Supertato. Nursery have been recalling and drawing pictures from the story. The Evil Pea has been causing trouble for the vegetables all week. We have written wanted posters; rebuilt the vegetables' homes; and freed them from big blocks of ice. In Maths, we have looked at the features of 2D and 3D shapes, inspired by the unusual shapes of the vegetable characters. An exciting week, well done Class 1!



Class 2 – This week, in maths, year 2 have been learning how to find the difference between two amounts of money and how to find change. We have continued to learn our 5 times table. Year 1 have started to look at 3D shapes and their names. In English, we have started a new unit on poetry. We have enjoyed reading lots of different bedtime poems and learnt how to perform them in an interesting way to the rest of the class. In history, we have looked at how the school building has changed over the years and how it is currently changing. We were very excited when the Christmas trees went up and have enjoyed making our contributions for the Christmas Fayre. A busy week, well done Class 2!

Class 3 – This week, in Class 3, we have been learning how to add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using the column method. In English, we have been planning and writing our stories set in Ancient Egypt based on the story Jack and the Beanstalk, they are very imaginative. In RE, we wrote another verse to a song about the grace and sang it in front of the class - they were so good! We really enjoyed making our festive reindeer photo frames whilst listening to Christmas music. In computing, we finished letters on the laptops warning people about the dangers of spam emails. Another brilliant, fun-filled week, well done Class 3!

Class 4 – This week, in Class 4, we have adapted the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in English so that it is set in Ancient Egypt. We are now ready to write our own fantastic stories. In maths, we have been learning about money, particularly ordering amounts and estimating amounts of money by using our rounding skills. In DT, we have created a design brief for a Christmas stocking which we look forward to decorating with our embroidery skills. In RE, we explored the meaning of the Grace and created our own verses to the song 'God behind, God beside, God ahead' to show how God is all around us. A fantastic week year 4 - well done!

Class 5 – This week, in Class 5, we have been preparing for our Christmas fayre; we have produced posters advertising stalls and games too. In our English lessons, we have been reading WW1 poetry. We have written our own poems, diaries and narratives based on the war. In RE, we continued to research the Five Pillars of Islam. We had a great time looking round the Christmas Fayre on Friday. A brilliant week, well done Class 5!

Junior Health & Safety Officer wins bike

Louie Bartram, Richard Crosse's first Junior Health and Safety Officer, was the lucky winner of a bike, presented to him in last week's Achievement Worship by Mr Lovern. Louie took on the role in September, and has to undertake a survey of the school each month. His checklist is then entered into a prize draw by the role's sponsor, Elite Safety in Education. Louie was lucky enough to win, and is now the proud owner of a brand new Muddy Fox mountain bike. Well done Louie!



59 Club

Congratulations to Debbie Clayton who is this weeks winner with number 10. Good Luck for Saturdays draw! We are now coming to renewal time for the 59 club so can I ask anyone with outstanding payments to get those in as soon as possible. We will automatically renew all memberships unless you tell us otherwise. If you would like to opt out or join the 59 club for the new calendar year please contact us by emailing richardcrossepta2@gmail.com



PTA Information

We hope you all enjoy the Christmas Fayre this afternoon. If you have any feedback or suggestions about this or any of our events please contact a member of the PTA or email us your thoughts. We will update you on funds raised in due course.

Our next event is the Christmas Panto trip to the Rugeley Rose coming up mid December and we also have our AGM in January. We are still looking for volunteers to join the PTA either as one of the trustees or members to help run events. If you have any questions or would like to chat about the roles please contact Martin or Marcella for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES (New / Amended items are shown in bold italic)	
December	
Wednesday 5 th	Informal Parents Evening
Sunday 9 th	Christingle – letters sent home
Monday 10 th	Class 1 & 2's Christmas Production – 9am – letters & tickets sent home
Tuesday 11 th	Flu Vaccinations – forms & details sent home
Tuesday 11 th	Class 1 & 2's Christmas Production – 5pm – letters & tickets sent home
<i>Wednesday 12th</i>	<i>KS2 trip to the pantomime – 1pm – letter sent home</i>
Friday 14 th	Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow
Friday 14 th	KS1 trip to the pantomime – 10am – letter sent home
Tuesday 18 th	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas parties (PM)
Thursday 20 th	Guitar Concert – details to follow
Friday 21 st	Christmas service in church 9.30am
Friday 21 st	Break up for Christmas – 3.30pm
January	
Monday 7 th	Children and staff return to school for Spring term
Monday 14 th	Year 5 Bikeability – letters sent home
Tuesday 15 th	Year 5 Bikeability – letters sent home
Tuesday 15 th	Deadline for Reception applications for September 2019
Thursday 24 th	KS2 Young Voices Concert – details sent home
February	
Friday 8 th	Sleepover – details to follow
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

****Please note these dates and times are subject to change!***

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