



<u>Week Commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018</u>		School Dinner Menu: Week 1
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30am 8.00am	Children and staff return to school No Year 6 Study Club – all week
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.45am 4.00 – 5.00pm	<b>Swimming for Year 4</b> <b>No Academy Choir</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	2.45pm 3.30 – 4.30pm	<b>No Achievement Worship this week</b> KS2 Drama Club
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	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 – <b>Term 1 Overdue</b>
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

Years 3 & 4 – Please return your Whitemoor Lakes slip ASAP  
Class 5 – Please return your Christingle trip letter by 07.01.19  
Class 5 – Please return your RC Racing slip to the office by 08.01.19



#### Christmas Jumper Day

We would like to thank everyone who took part in Christmas jumper day. We managed to raise a brilliant £90 that will go towards Oliver's fund. Thank you!



#### Oliver's Fund

Fantastic News – We have now raised an amazing £4966.92. Please take a look at Oliver's page on our school website to see the trike this money helped to buy. Oliver will also be having £1680 of this money for additional physiotherapy to increase his mobility. We can't wait to continue our fundraising next year!

#### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.30am.



## Swimming

Swimming for Years 5 & 6 has now finished. As parents should be aware, from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Year 4 will begin swimming lessons. A letter has been sent home including all of the required details. If you would like your child to wear goggles during these lessons, please come to the office and complete a goggles consent form before the first lesson.



## Telling the time

As part of our whole school focus next term, we would like as many children as possible to tell the time. It would be fantastic for as many of our children to come to school with an analogue watch to help tell the time at different intervals throughout the day. If you can help your child with telling the time, it would be very much appreciated – thank you.



## Road Safety

Please could all KS2 parents/friends come inside the playground at the end of the school day – the nights are dark and the pathways are too narrow, thank you.



## Attendance

Well done to Year 1 for achieving the highest attendance in school with 100% for the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018			Trust Attendance 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
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.40</b>	<b>97.39</b>	<b>97.97</b>

## 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](http://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.

## What the children learnt this week:

**Class 1** – Countdown to Christmas! This week we have been busy completing a range of Christmas crafts, such as glittery Christmas cards and carefully painted calendars. We have also been using our writing skills

to write a letter to Santa. These letters were greatly inspired by Santa's visit after the fabulous Christmas dinner. Well done Class 1 for a brilliant term, we hope you have a very Merry Christmas!



**Class 2** – This week, we have written some super letters to Father Christmas in English. We have also watched The Snowman and retold the story for display. On Monday, we had a great day sewing and making our snowmen that we had designed as part of our D and T project. We have enjoyed making calendars and Christmas cards. The biggest highlight of the week was on Tuesday when we had our Christmas dinner and party! What a very exciting and busy week! Well done Class 2, have a fantastic Christmas break!

**Class 3** – What a busy week we have had! Class 3 have had a lot of fun this week celebrating Christmas, we have been dancing our socks off and playing lots of festive games. We spent a whole day making fabulous Christmas stockings which look amazing! Along with all this festive fun, we have been learning about how Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered in History. In science, we have explored the water cycle and how water changes states. What a fantastic last week of term, enjoy the break Class 3 and Merry Christmas!

**Class 4** – This week, in Class 4, we have been very excited for Christmas and completed lots of fun activities! We recreated the mummification process in history by mummifying a member of the class and learnt about the stages of the water cycle in science. We also had a DT day this week where we embroidered our own Christmas stockings which we were able to take home in time for Christmas. We have been very arty this week and made our Christmas cards and calendars - they look absolutely fantastic! Everyone has worked super hard this week (and term)! Well done class 4, enjoy your Christmas break!

**Class 5** – This week, in Class 5, we have completed our DT projects (fairground rides). We have been creating Christmas cards and calendars. We had a wonderful Christmas dinner and showed off our skills in the guitar concert on Thursday. We also really enjoyed going to Church for the school Christmas service. A busy but fun-filled week, well done Class 5. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and can't wait to see what the New Year brings!

### **59 Club**

The winning number this week was number 19, as there is no winner, the prize fund rolls to £30 for next weeks draw. Good Luck all!



Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the 59 club this year. We have paid out over £700 in prize money with still 2 draws left to go. We hope you would all like to continue your membership but should you wish to opt out please contact Richardcrossepta2@gmail.com. We would love to gain some additional members at only £1 per week with a minimum prize fund of £20 per week to be won. If you would like to get involved please contact the Richard Crosse PTA email address above.

### **PTA Information**

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts and contributions this year. We hope the children have enjoyed the activities and we look forward to seeing some new faces at our meetings in the New Year starting with our AGM. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

<b>IMPORTANT DATES (New / Amended items are shown in bold italic)</b>	
<b>January</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children and staff return to school for Spring term
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability – letters sent home
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability – letters sent home
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Reception applications for September 2019
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Young Voices Concert – details sent home
<b>February</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sleepover – details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Manchester Camerata – details to follow

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for February half term – 3.30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Children and staff return to school
<b>March</b>	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>World Book Day – details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Red Nose Day – details to follow</b>
<b>April</b>	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Production – details to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 residential to Whitemoor Lakes (return 10.04.19)</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Choir Concert (Garrick) – details to follow</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Informal Parents Evening – details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children and staff break up for Easter – 3.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children and staff return to school for Summer term</b>

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

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