



<u>Week Commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018</u>		School Dinner Menu: Week 1
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>8.00am</b> Lunchtime	<b>No Year 6 Study Club</b> Study Club for Year 6
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Lunchtime 1.15pm <b>3.30 – 4.30pm</b> 5.00pm	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Parties <b>No 5 &amp; 6 Football Club</b> Class 1 & 2 Christmas Production
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.45am</b> <b>4.00 – 5.00pm</b>	<b>No Swimming</b> <b>No Academy Choir</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10.00am <b>2.45pm</b> 3.30 – 4.30pm	Guitar Concert <b>No Achievement Worship this week</b> KS2 Drama Club
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	9.30am  Lunchtime 3.30pm	Christmas Service in Church – All welcome! Toy Day – No electronic toys please Y5 & 6 Running Club – cancelled due to building work Children and staff break up for Christmas

#### 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

Year 5 – Please return your Bikeability forms  
Selected pupils – please return your guitar concert slip ASAP



#### Christmas Jumper Day

We would like to thank everyone who took part in Christmas jumper day. We will announce our grand total that will go towards Oliver's fund in next week's planner!



#### Academy Choir

There will be no choir on Wednesday 19th December. This means that the last choir session before Christmas will be on Wednesday 12th December.

#### Catering Review

As part of our commitment to improving our food culture, we are undertaking a review of the current situation. A short survey monkey questionnaire (5 questions) has been emailed round to all parents, we would be very grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete it. If you would like the link sending again, please let the school secretary know. Many thanks

## 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.

## Achievements

For week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the following children received Star of the Week in our Achievement Worship celebrating their achievements:



<b>Class 1</b>	Alexander Burrow	For having a fantastic attitude to learning and for being resilient in the face of a challenge
<b>Class 2</b>	All of Class 2	For an amazing performance in the Christmas play
<b>Class 3</b>	Wilfred Allen	For trying hard in his maths tests and his reading test to achieve outstanding scores
<b>Class 4</b>	Luca Myatt	For fantastic maths work and being an all-round superstar!
<b>Class 5</b>	Olivia Plover Amy Barnes	For achieving outstanding results in all of her tests For a great improvement in her maths and reading



## Attendance

Well done to Year 4 for achieving the highest attendance in school with 97.78% for the week commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

The Small Schools Multi Academy Trust Attendance for week commencing Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018			Trust Attendance Target 97%
	St. Mary's	Richard Crosse	Howard
Reception	96.38	91.18	100.00
Year 1	100.00	96.43	100.00
Year 2	97.14	97.33	98.18
Year 3	96.67	97.37	100.00
Year 4	93.12	97.78	98.00
Year 5	98.18	92.11	92.50
Year 6	90.00	96.92	100.00
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.37</b>	<b>95.48</b>	<b>98.31</b>

## Year 5 & 6 Football Club

Last week was the last session for football club. A new club will take place in the New Year – details to follow!

## 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** – We have had a very busy this week learning the true meaning of Christmas. We have performed two shows of 'Christmas Eve Kerfuffle', finally showing off all our hard work. In class, we have completed a Nativity



week where we have been using role-play and puppets to learn about the first story of Christmas and why it is important.

**Class 2** – This week, Class 2 have performed their Christmas Nativity. Miss Derry is very impressed with us all. In English we have looked at rhyme and had a go at writing our own versions of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' As part of our maths work, we learnt about position and direction. We practised moving left, right, forwards, backwards, clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter and half turns. In science, we continued our work on habitats and looked at the micro habitats that we could find around school. We are super excited about going to the pantomime in Rugeley! Another busy week!

**Class 3** – This week, in Class 3, we have been learning how to write instructions to trap a dragon and they were very detailed! In maths, we have explored different methods to add and subtract money. The children really enjoyed history this week because they watched the teacher mummify one of the children. This week we all went to watch the pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, we were all so mature and well behaved. Well done to all of you, only one more week keep up the hard work!

**Class 4** – This week, in class 4, we have created our own instructions on how to catch an Egyptian mummy in English. In maths, we have learnt about angles, particularly identifying acute, obtuse and right angles. In history, we have looked at the beliefs that Ancient Egyptians had of the afterlife and the story of how they were sent to the afterlife. We have also continued our learning on states of matter and learnt how evaporation occurs in science. We have had a super week, well done class 4!

**Class 5** – This week, in Class 5, we have been researching the Bass family and creating family trees. In RE, we have continued to investigate the five Pillars of Islam. During our whole DT day, the children have been building their own fairground rides. We had a great time showing off our Christmas Jumpers of Friday. A brilliant week, well done Class 5!

### **59 Club**

Congratulations to Kathryn Hopson for winning Saturdays rollover prize with number 17. Good Luck all for Saturdays draw. Please note we will be rolling forward current membership to the 59 club for the new calendar year unless you email us to opt out. If you would like to join please email richardcrossepta2@gmail.com as we still have some numbers left.



### **PTA Information**

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the children in Classes 1 & 2 for a brilliant performance of 'Christmas Eve Kerfuffle' this week. Thank you to all those who attended or helped at the Christmas Fayre. We raised over £800 at the fayre and a further £180 through raffle ticket sales at the Class 1 & 2 Christmas productions. Thank you to everyone who took part! We hope that the children enjoyed their trips to the pantomime this week!

We will be running our annual duck/boat race on New Year's Day so keep your eyes peeled for tickets (boats) that will be sold in the village. This will be £2 per entry.

If anyone has got any suggestions on how they would like PTA funds to be spent, please contact a member of the PTA.

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. Please join us for our AGM in January.

We would like to thank all teachers and parents for their continued support towards the PTA.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES (New / Amended items are shown in bold italic)</b>	
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas parties (PM)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Guitar Concert – letters sent home
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas service in church 9.30am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for Christmas – 3.30pm
<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

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

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