



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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Menu w/c 16/10/17

(Please note – this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lasagne & Salad	Mini Pizzas and Chips	Pasta Bake	Chicken Pie, Mashed Potato & Veg
Yoghurt	Rice Pudding	Sponge Cake	Rice Crispy Cake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



Stars of the Week

Reception – Fraser for a great explanation about where we get flour from to make bread.

Class 1 – Emma for a super description of a new creature.

Class 2 – Imogen N & Maisie M for their brilliant propaganda poster

Virtues & Values Award –Kindness - Aiden & Aleeah's mum for her fantastic donation of a Halloween hamper. Raffle tickets to win this hamper (£1) available from school.

Headteacher's Award – Aleeah for trying her very best at all times and for being a cheerful member of the class.



Coffee Afternoon

Many thanks to everyone who supported our coffee afternoon and baked and donated raffle prizes. We raised nearly £180 which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Relief and the Hurricane Disaster Fund.

Netball

Please note, there will be no Netball Club on Thursday, 19th October.

Attendance w/c 9/10/17

Reception	98.2%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Overall	99%

Learning Achievements

Reception: have been busy learning about bread and where the ingredients come from and made some bread to sell in our farm shop.

Class 1: have been doing some detective work about a new creature arriving in the local pet shop and in Maths they have been doing problems linked to addition and subtraction.

Class 2: have had a fantastic day at Ouseburn Valley meeting Basil, the evacuee from WW2, and experiencing a communal air raid shelter which ran under the ground in Newcastle. They enjoyed making gasmasks, boxes and completing their label to be an authentic evacuee.

Class 2s homework is due in on Thursday, 19th October.

For more information please look on our website and Facebook page.

Governor news

Throughout this half term the subject link Governors have conducted a Maths, English, Safeguarding and Early Years visit. They met with subject co-ordinators and were involved in Learning Walks and were happy to report that teachers *'recognised the need for different levels of work and challenge both in year groups and across the classes, and TAs and HLTAs were used well to manage and guide learning.'*

and

'The EY remains an impressive and effective teaching environment. The children are very well-mannered and well-behaved despite the early stage in the school year. The teaching appears engaging and the use of varied learning resources such as "toolkits" and the outside space is excellent.'

We are extremely happy to announce that our new Chair of Governors is Mr David Ratcliff. David is a dedicated member of the governing body and will work hard with staff, parents and the wider community to continue to raise standards and support the schools.

We would like to thank Mrs Pippa Milburn for all of her hard work and dedication over the past year and are pleased that she will continue to be part of the governing body in a different role.

As parents you will all be aware of our high academic expectations. We are thrilled to tell you that Teaching and Learning in each classroom is progressing and standards are up. We provide the children at Greenhead CE Primary School with a challenging curriculum so that each child reaches their true potential. We can, however, only do this by working as a parent/teacher team and are always grateful of the support from you as parents and the wider community. We are always looking for ways to enhance the school and are open to suggestions. It is very important to us that parents are able to give us feedback, so that we can act on any concerns, know when things are going well or refine what we do. If you feel that we could improve in any other areas please let us know on the slip below as we strive to meet the needs of the community wherever possible. Alternatively if you would like to share good news or ideas please contact us on admin@greenheadprimary.uk

The topics for the next half term are:

KS2 – Potions!

KS1 – Splendid skies

Early Years – Why is water wet?

Stay and Share Session

Reception and KS1 have been busy making bread, animal biscuits and KS1 have designed their own plates linked to our topic. The children will be selling their delights during their Stay and Share session on Tuesday to raise some funds towards an outdoor cover.

The children have decided to sell their items at the following prices: Bread bun 50p, pack of three animal biscuits £1 and decorated plate (KS1) £1.

Parent Forum – Monday 13th November, 2pm

Mrs Fairless and I would like to invite parents into school for an informal chat over refreshments to hear views and opinions about how we can make positive changes within school.

If this is successful we will continue to hold parent forum sessions once a month.

All welcome!

Travel Arrangements/Contact Information

Please can you let your child's class teacher know via their home/school communication book if their travel arrangements have changed. Alternatively, please let Mrs Tapscott know so she can update the information on bus lists, etc.

If you have not already done so, please could you complete and return the Confidential Information form that was recently sent home with your child. It is imperative that we have up to date emergency contact numbers.

Thank you for your cooperation.



School events

What a busy half term!

So far we have:

Started our Federation swimming lessons with our friends at Henshaw.

Held a non-uniform day to raise money for the Children's Heart Unit at the Freeman hospital.

Held a 'Meet and Greet' the Governors session

Worked with Daisy First Aid to learn skills to help to save a life.

Celebrated our achievements in a Church assembly

Held a Macmillan Coffee afternoon.

Had the opportunity to take part in a selection of after school clubs including netball and cookery.

Transformed into evacuees and went on an educational visit to the Ouseburn tunnel to learn more about their WW2 topic.

Got a class pet!

Joined together with our friends across the federation for a joint Harvest Festival.



Next half term we can look forward to:

- Show Racism the Red Card Football training sessions (Yrs 5 & 6)
- Competitive team sports (Yrs 3 & 4)
- Stay and share sessions in all classrooms
- Celebration assemblies in church
- Netball tournament with other local schools.
- Christmas play (Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm and 6pm)
- Christmas activity day and Christmas dinner with our friends from Henshaw at Henshaw School.
- Christingle in church on Wednesday, 20th December.
- Carols around the tree afternoon (Friday 22nd December)

Photos

Please could all Tempest photo orders be returned by Tuesday, 17th October

Reminders

Stay and Share session – Tuesday, 17th October

Disco – Wednesday, 18th October 5.30 – 7.00pm

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday, 19th October

Parent Consultations – Monday, 16th October (Reception) & Thursday, 19th October (Years 1 – 5) Please return slips to confirm attendance.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah'.

Sarah Hutchinson

Executive Headteacher