



# Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter



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## Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynold's Menu w/c 26/6/17

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mince Pie, New Potatoes & Peas	Chicken Curry, Cous Cous, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Pasta Bolognaise, Homemade Bread & Salad	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Tuna/Beans & Salad	Cod & Salmon Fishcake, Chips & Beans
Frozen Fruit Smoothie	Flapjack	Jelly & Fruit	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Brownie & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Jessica for interesting writing and good spelling

Class 1 – Kate for her fantastic explanation text on honey bees

Class 2 – All the Year 4s for their good maths and sales skills at the bake sale

Virtues & Values Award – the whole school for showing compassion towards Guide Dogs and their owners

Headteacher's Award – Aiden for the improvements in his writing

## Staffing

We are pleased to say we have appointed a new Reception/Class 1 teacher, Mrs Sherry Makepeace. She will be joining us full time in September but will be coming in on occasions this term so the children can get to know her.

We will be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Holland at the end of this term and would like to say a huge "thank you" to her for all her hard work and enthusiasm since joining us in January.

## Attendance w/c 19/6/17

Reception	98%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	80%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	91%
Overall	92%

### **Learning Achievements**

**Reception:** have been doing subtraction in Maths and have continued counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and in English they have been writing about where 'The Snail and the Whale' visited. They have been researching habitats and finding out which animals live there.

**Class 1:** have been covering addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in Maths. In English they have been writing about Guide Dogs and in Topic & Science they have been planning their presentation on habitats for the Green Screen.

**Class 2:** have been debating writing about Guide Dogs and doing dictionary work in English. In Maths they have been working on money word problems and they have been singing in worship.

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

### **Transition Day**

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June is Transition Day when the children will be spending the day in their September class. Please could parents of our current Year 4s complete and return the attached slip so we know numbers for the next academic year and, should they be leaving, Mrs Tapscott knows which school to send their electronic files to.

### **Guide Dogs for the Blind**

The children enjoyed the talk about guide dogs and we are looking to have further fundraising sessions with the hope of sponsoring a dog.

### **Dinner Times**

We have noticed a decline in concentration after lunch time and, as we are a healthy school, we encourage a healthy lunch – whether it be a packed lunch or a school dinner. Please see attached sheet for information and helpful tips and ideas for a healthy lunch.

### **Police Visit**

On Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a visit from the local police to give all the children a safety talk.

### **Bake Sale**

Thank you to everyone who baked and bought! We raised £79 which will go with the children to Dukeshouse Wood towards their spending money.

### **Parent advice/ support section**

Northumberland Healthcare is having a big push on Children's mental health with a focus on worries and anxieties. Please see below for some helpful tips for parents/ carers.

#### **Advice for parents/carers**

- Talk to your child about their anxieties or worries but be prepared to take the time to listen.
- Reassure them and show them you understand how they feel.
- Teach your child to recognise signs of anxiety in themselves and ask for help when it strikes.
- Focus on exploring solutions with your child, instead of just talking about all the things that could go wrong.
- Try to stick to regular daily routines where possible.
- Books or films will help them to understand their feelings.
- If you know a change is coming up, prepare your child by talking to them about what is going to happen and why.
- Try not to be anxious yourself or overprotective.
- Rather than doing things for your child or helping them to avoid anxiety -provoking situations, encourage your child to find ways to manage them.
- Practice simple relaxation techniques with your child.
- Distraction can be helpful for young children.
- Turn an old tissue box into a 'Worry' box.

Some useful websites are:

- [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)
- [www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk)
- [www.minded.org](http://www.minded.org)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaTDNYjk-Gw>

Yours,

Sarah Hutchinson

Executive Head Teacher

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**Year 4s**

Child's name .....

<b>Will be staying at Greenhead School</b>	
<b>Will be leaving to attend .... (please state name of school)</b>	
<b>Undecided</b>	

Signed .....