

Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 10/12/18 (Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger, Wedges & Salad Or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Mince Pie, Potatoes & Carrots Or Baguette with Cheese or Chicken	Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes & Peas	Sausage, Mash & Beans Or Pasta with Cheese or Tuna	Fishcake, Chips & Peas Or Baguette with Ham or Cheese
Scone with Jam & Cream	Fruit Salad	Frozen Fruit Smoothie	Strawberry Shortcake	Oaty Biscuit & Fruit Juice
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt



Stars of the Week



Reception/Class 1 – Jessica B for working hard on her letter formations.

Class 2 – Emma, Jess, Olivia, Elizabeth and Lilly for practising for their gymnastics competition

Virtues & Values – Kate for bringing joy with her enthusiasm in the Christmas play

Headteacher's Award – Aiden R for including lots of dialogue in his piece of fiction during the creative writing session.

Year 6 provision

After Christmas, starting on Thursday 10th January, the Year 6 children from Greenhead will be transported for one morning per week to Henshaw to work with the Year6 children there to take part in creative writing, SPaG and Maths sessions as a larger cohort. We feel that this will be extremely beneficial for them to work together as a larger group on different tasks which will include work around SATs papers to prepare them for their SATs test in May.

Please can you complete the permission slip below to allow either Mrs Hutchinson or Mrs Fairless to transport the children to Henshaw and back on a weekly basis.

Year 3 and 4 gymnastics

Well done to the gymnastic team who worked really hard with their routine and won the competition!

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Learning Achievements

Reception/Class 1: This week we have continued to work on money in Maths, We have been looking at features of non-chronological reports and researching to create our own reports about astronauts.

Class 2: In Maths the children have been calculating the perimeter and area of different shapes. They have also been dividing and multiplying by 4 and 6. In English we have been looking closely at the similarities and differences between alligators and crocodiles. The children have also been thinking carefully about the dilemmas facing a wildlife ranger. The Christmas play is in full swing with the children working hard to learn their lines and a variety of festive songs.

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

Swimming arrangements

Children from Years 1/2 and Reception will swim with Henshaw Years 1 and 2 after Easter 2019.

Friday 7th December

Non uniform day in exchange for a Chocolate donation for the legendary chocolate mountain at the Christmas play performance.

Nature Garden

Because of the trees/weather the children, for their own safety, are not allowed in the nature garden until the trees have been looked at by an external professional.

Christingles

We will be having our joint Christingle with our friends from Henshaw on Thursday, 13th December at 2.15pm at St Cuthbert's Church. You are very welcome to join us.

The Church are holding their Christingle on Sunday, 16^{th} December at 4.00pm. This will be followed by a party for the children in the Village Hall. There will be refreshments, a magician, face painting and a special visit from Santa Claus with a small gift for each child. There is no charge but please complete the attached booking slip so they can calculate numbers.

Recently we had a visit from our School Improvement Officer and we are delighted to be able to share the following points with you:

"Teaching is consistently good and sometimes better across the school. Teachers provide good support to the children in their care and plan lessons that inspire them to learn."

"Personal development is a strength of the school with pupils working and playing together in harmony. Pupils have good attitudes to learning and are keen to listen to their teachers and respond well in lessons to questioning that tests their understanding"

"The school's curriculum has become a strength with the school inspiring pupils to learn through well chosen topics and an assessment system that now measures how effective it is."

"Outcomes for pupils are good overall with consistently good progress across the school due to good quality teaching and rigorous monitoring and evaluation"

"The Early Years has also become a strength of the school through support across the federation and better quality provision and teaching. The school is also now working more closely with the nursery and this is having a positive impact"

"Sport is increasingly a strength of the school with more opportunities for participation in a range of sports"

Christmas Play

Please can all clothes for the play be in school by Friday, 14th in a named bag.

The songs can be practised at home by using the 'Out of the Ark' website.

Some of the costumes need minor repairs if anyone can help please!

Please see the attached letter regarding school funding. Could we draw your attention to the current BBC2 documentary "School" (next Tuesday at 2100 and via iPlayer) which exemplifies not just this crisis but also that academies are not, on their own, the route to salvation.

NUFC

Please could you read the attached letter from NUFC and return the Appearance and Images consent form by Monday, $10^{\rm th}$ December.

Name the Unicorn

We have a large unicorn in school that needs a name and a new home! Children can pick a name for £1 and the winner will be announced on the last day of term.

Yours,

Sarah Hutchinson Executive Headteacher

Year 6			
I give permission for to be transported to Henshaw School by Mrs Hutchinson or Mrs Fairless.			
Signed Date			
Christingle/Christmas Party at St Cuthbert's Church/Greenhead Village Hall			
Sunday, 16 th December at 4.00pm			
Name and age of child			
Please complete a separate form for each child who will be attending and return to School or St Cuthbert's Church ASAP and by Friday, 14 th December at the latest.			
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