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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Chicken <br> Nuggets with Curly Fries | Sausage and Mashed <br> Potatoes with Onion Gravy | Honey Roasted Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing with Gravy | Pasta Special <br> Spaghetti <br> Bolognese <br> Quorn and | Pizza Day <br> Meat Feast Or Margherita with |
| Vegetable Samosa with Savory Rice and Raita Dip | Vegetable <br> Curry with <br> Rice and <br> Naan Bread | Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing with Gravy | Tomato Pasta <br> Macaroni Cheese | Chips <br> Breaded Fish with |
| Tomato and Basil Pasta |  |  | Tuna Pasta Bake |  |
| Sweetcorn Peas | Broccoli Carrots | Cabbage Cauliflower | With Garlic Bread | Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables |
| Selection of Sandwiches | Selection of Sandwiches | Selection of Sandwiches | Green Beans Sweetcorn | Selection of Sandwiches |
| Jacket Potato with A Selection of Fillings | Jacket Potato with A Selection of Fillings | Jacket Potato with A Selection of Fillings | Selection of Sandwiches | Jacket Potato with A Selection of Fillings |
| Fruit Shortbread | Lemon Drizzle | Chocolate Crunch and Custard | Muffin | Ice Cream |
| Available Daily - Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Fruit Pots, Fruit Yoghurts, Cheese \& Biscuits and Salad Bar |  |  |  |  |

Dear parents and carers,
As we approach the end of a great half term, we can reflect on the wonderful work and learning which has taken place over the last 6 weeks. Woodhouse has been a hive of activity and action as we work with the children to ensure that they make the best progress possible. It was great to see so many of you at parents' evening or meeting with teachers to discuss your child's progress, targets and next steps. Thank you for your continued contribution to ensuring that every child gets the very best out of what we have to offer at Woodhouse. As a team, I know that home and school can work together to support and encourage every child. As always, if there is anything we can do to help, please just speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day and they will be delighted to help you.
This half term has often been shrouded in the cold and crisp winter weather, although thankfully we have avoided any disruption caused by the weather so far this year. The month of January always brings with it the inevitable coughs, colds and illnesses. I know a number of the children have been under the weather at some point and I thank you for the effort from home to ensure the children come to school every day. Of course, when the children are really ill, then they sometimes need to be absent to recover. As you would imagine, this effects our whole school attendance, but hopefully as Spring arrives we can get back on track with our drive for improved attendance in school. Please do all you can to encourage the children to improve/sustain their attendance when we return after half term so we can give them the best opportunity for learning and making progress.

This term has been one of many fresh opportunities for the children, with the last week being extremely exciting! Earlier this week we had a wonderful visit from the published children's author Eamonn Reilly, who spoke to the children about reading, writing and developing a love of literature. The children heard first-hand about how a published author goes about developing characters, building suspense and how to keep the reader interested in your story. He set the children some challenges for their lessons and will be developing a relationship with Woodhouse as our patron of reading. He spent Thursday morning meeting and talking with children and signing his books for them. As you know, reading is the most important of all curriculum areas, as it acts as the gateway to learning and knowledge, so we are really pleased to have created this fresh opportunity for the children. As well as the exciting relationship with our patron of reading, the staff have been hard at work in the library to capitalise on the enthusiasm the visit generated. We can't wait for Eamonn to return!
Thank you all for your excellent ongoing support for our school and also for helping us to ensure your child meets their full potential. I hope that you and your families have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday $25^{\text {th }}$ February.

Yours sincerely, Oliver Wilson - Head Teacher

Monday $18^{\text {th }}$ Feb - Friday $22^{\text {nd }}$ Feb - Spring Half Term Break. Monday $25^{\text {th }}$ Feb - First day back from half term Thursday $7^{\text {th }}$ Mar - World Book Day (Details to follow) Friday $8^{\text {th }}$ Mar - Year 4 visit to Birmingham Sea Life Centre Thursday $14^{\text {th }}$ Mar - Year 5 Parent Workshop (2-3:15) Friday $15^{\text {th }}$ Mar - Comic Relief Event (Details to follow) Tuesday $19^{\text {th }}$ Mar - Year 3 visit to Birmingham Museum \& Art Gallery Dates
Wednesday $20^{\text {th }}$ Mar - RW Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited Monday $1^{\text {st }}$ Apr - Autism Awareness Day
Thursday $4^{\text {th }}$ Apr - 4F Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited Thursday $4^{\text {th }}$ Apr - Year 2 Parent's SATs meeting (3:30-4)
Thursday $11^{\text {th }}$ Apr - Easter Assemblies (KS2: 9-9:30 \& KS1: 2:30-3:15 Easter Bonnet Parade to follow assembly)
Thursday $11^{\text {th }}$ Apr - Last day of half term
Friday $12^{\text {th }}$ Apr - Staff Training Day (School Closed to Children)
Monday $15^{\text {th }}$ Apr - Friday $26^{\text {th }}$ Apr - Easter Holiday
Monday $6^{\text {th }}$ May - School Closed to Children for Bank Holiday
Friday $24^{\text {th }}$ May - Arts Assemblies (KS2: 9-9:30 \& KS1: 2:45-3:15)
Monday $27^{\text {th }}$ May - Friday $31^{\text {st }}$ May - Summer Half Term Break Wednesday $5^{\text {th }}$ Jun - 1R Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited Wednesday $12^{\text {th }}$ Jun - Nursery Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited Thursday $20^{\text {th }}$ Jun $-5 W$ Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited Thursday $20^{\text {th }}$ Jun - Year 4 Parent Workshop (2-3:15)
Wednesday $26^{\text {th }}$ Jun - RO Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited
Thursday $27^{\text {th }}$ Jun - 3A Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited
Wednesday $3^{\text {rd }}$ Jul - 2WP Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited
Wednesday $3^{\text {rd }}$ Jul - Summer Fayre (details to follow)
Thursday $4^{\text {th }}$ Jul -4 W Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited
Friday $5^{\text {th }}$ Jul - Arts Assemblies (KS2: 9-9:30 \& KS1: 2:45-3:15) Wednesday $10^{\text {th }}$ Jul -1 L Class Assembly (9-9:30) Parents invited
Friday $19^{\text {th }}$ Jul - Last day of school for Children
Monday $22^{\text {nd }}$ Jul - School Closed to Children for Staff Training

## Tuesday $23^{\text {rd }}$ Jul - Friday $30^{\text {th }}$ Aug - Summer Break

attendance
MAHERS
Yearly attendance is currently running at: 96.02\%
Last Week's attendance was: $94.11 \%$
Our Attendance target for this year is $97 \%$

| Class | Attendance for the week |  | Class | Attendance for the week |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nursery | $87.97 \%$ | 3 A | $96.67 \%$ |  |
| RO | $89.83 \%$ | 3 N | $96.67 \%$ |  |
| RW | $88.33 \%$ | 4 W | $92.86 \%$ |  |
| 1 L | $95.33 \%$ | 4 F | $91 \%$ |  |
| $1 R$ | $98.67 \%$ | 5 W | $95.67 \%$ |  |
| 2 M | $87.67 \%$ | 5 S | $99.33 \%$ |  |
| 2 WP | $92.90 \%$ | 6 WO | $99 \%$ |  |
| RR | $97.50 \%$ | 6 L | $97.62 \%$ |  |
|  |  | 6 D | $98 \%$ |  |

Congratulations to 5 S who had the best class attendance for last week. We had 115 lates last week across all year groups. These, no matter how small, are lost learning time.

| Weekly <br> Lates | NSY | RO | RW | 1L | 1R | 2 M | 2WP | 3 A | 3 N | 4 W | 4 F | 5 W | 5 S | $\mathbf{6 W 0}$ | 6 L | $\mathbf{6 D}$ |
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| Before reg | 3 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| After reg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## Breakfast Price Amendments

From Monday June $3^{r d}$ we will be amending some of the prices of items at our breakfast club.
The only items affected by the price amendments will be the hot breakfast items such as bacon and sausages. There will be a price increase of 5 p per item.
The free breakfast offer and prices of drinks will not change. Tuck shop prices will also stay the same.
The reason for the price increases is because of price increases with our suppliers.
We will confirm the full price list closer to the time of the changes coming into force.


The following children were Star of the Week for the week ending $15^{\text {th }}$ February

| Nursery | Reception | Year One |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kyah | Poppy | Sienna |
| Ayaan | Senaya | Ella |
|  | Annika | Eva |
|  | ljaz | Klejdjon |
| Year Two | Year Three | Year Four |
| Divine | Marcia | Brendan |
| Tahlia | Grace | Neave |
| Heidi | Isaac | Elliot |
| Aarush | Dalah | Tia |
| Year Five | Year Six |  |
| Augustus | Yianni |  |
| Denisa | Alice |  |
| Jaseem | Lass |  |
| Benjamin | Holly |  |
|  | Reanna |  |

Congratulations to all of these children who have gone over and above with their effort in class and around school this week. We are very proud of each and every one of you. Keep up the good work.

## Henry VIII visits Woodhouse

This week Year Five were lucky enough to be visited by King Henry VIII, or Great King Hal as he goes by these days. He told us all about Tudor Life and of course all about Henry and his wives. Our favourite few facts were that instead of using sewage systems the Tudors threw their waste out the windows and we were quite shocked by the fact that rich people used to employ whipping boys for their children. This was where a child would have paid someone else to take their punishment if they were naughty in school!
We finished the day off by learning about Tudor crime and punishment as well as holding our own jousting competition which the 5S boys won.


## Author Visit

This week, Woodhouse were lucky enough to be visited by the author Eamonn Reilly. He came in and gave us a really engaging assembly about how making your reader want to know more is the key to great writing. He read us a few extracts from his books The Lookouts, Rashnu and Tall Tales. We were able to ask him lots of questions about why he became an author and what has inspired him to write his stories. On Thursday, he even came back to visit to sign some copies of his books!


## Every School Day

There are 190 School Days a Year
That leaves 175 days every year to spend on family time, celebrations, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

| 190 Days at School <br> 190 days for your child's education | 9 Days Absence <br> 181 Days at School | 12 Days Absence <br> 178 Days at School | 30 Days Absence Six weeks of school missed!! <br> 162 Days at School | More than half a term missed <br> 161 Days at School or Less!! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 98-100\% | 95-98\% | 93-95\% | 90-93\% | Below 90\% |
| Excellent! <br> Best chance of success. A flying start for your child | Good <br> Attendance! <br> Your child is likely to achieve grades for real opportunity | Watch Out! <br> Absences will make it difficult for your child to achieve their best. | Danger! <br> Missing so much time from school makes it difficult to keep in touch with lessons or work. | Take Action Now!! <br> It will be almost <br> impossible for your child to keep in touch with lessons or work! |

- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.
- Every school day counts

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please talk to us at school about it.

## Always aim for 100\% attendance

Being Late adds up to lost learning

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.

- Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time.
- Please help your child to be punctual

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please talk to us at school about it.
Always aim to be on time every day.


