



# Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 8/1/19

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

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Curry, Couscous, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn OR Filled Jacket Potato	Shepherd's Pie & Carrots OR Macaroni Cheese with Crusty Bread	Roast Beef, Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Broccoli OR Chicken Salad Wrap	Chicken Goujons, Chips & Beans OR Filled Savoury Baguette
Shortcake Biscuit & Milkshake	Steamed Syrup Sponge & Custard	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Oaty Biscuit & Fruit Juice
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

## Stars of the Week

Reception/Class 1: All the children for their fantastic performance in the school play 

Class 2: All the children for their fantastic performance in the school play

Virtues and Values: Kristie – Jack L's mum – for donating the tub of sweets to raise money for the school

Headteacher's Award – All children for their contribution to the Christmas performance! Well done!

### Bethlehem the Musical

Wow! What a performance! The children did really well this year and put on a fantastic show - we are all really proud of them. Special thanks to the Greenhead Staff Team for organising the production.

Thank you to the Friends of Greenhead for doing the raffles and stand up bingo – they raised the great sum of £230 - and to The Greenhead Hotel for hosting our play again this year.

### Federation Day

The children had a lovely day at Henshaw on Wednesday completing Christmas activities with their friends. They also had a delicious Christmas dinner cooked and prepared for us by Mrs Hancock and Ms Reynolds' - we would like to thank them both for a fantastic Christmas lunch enjoyed by all.

### Carols around the tree

Another great Carols around the Tree get together! Beautiful singing and it was lovely to see parents joining in too! Thank you to the children for their brilliant rendition of Silent Night on the ukelele and to Mr King and Mrs Knowles for playing instruments for us throughout.

### Attendance w/c 17/12/18

Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	85%
Year 6	87.5%
Overall	96.6%

## Learning Achievements

**Reception/Class 1:** This week we have had a lovely morning at Henshaw doing Christmas crafts and had a visit from Santa. Please could children in class 1 bring a baby photo of themselves first week back after Christmas.

**Class 2:** the children have been baking, creating and getting ready for Christmas! They all performed magnificently in the school play and should be very proud of themselves. A fun session was organised for their final swim on Tuesday which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

**Topics next ½ term** Reception – ‘Do you want to be friends?’ Key Stage 1 – ‘Memory Box’, Key Stage 2 – ‘Blood Heart’

## Governor News

Greetings again from everyone at Greenhead CE Primary School. We wish you well in your preparations for Christmas. It's good to feel, as we come to the end of the year that, first and foremost we are still here, and that all the turmoil and hurt that affected the school family and the wider community in 2018 is now in the past and we are looking at a more settled and brighter future. No magic wand has been waved, and the challenges which faced the school are still there, but the spirit of cooperation and determination for which Greenhead is famous, is very much alive.

So, everyone at Greenhead School feels a sense of privilege to be serving the communities of Greenhead, Longbyre, Gilsland and beyond. So it's good to having this chance to share with you some of the good news about Greenhead School - YOUR community school.

We have been speaking to Northumberland County Council about our viability - we're still good, year-on-year and just need to resolve our inherited deficit - and we have confidence about the future. We rejoice in our federation with Henshaw School and we are developing closer, supportive links with other schools across the West Tyne in order to provide the very best learning experiences for our children.

Thank you all very much for your support in 2018. We know that 2019 will just be as busy and exciting for the young people in our schools!

See you all again in the New Year.  
Mr David Ratcliff, Chair of Governors

## Reminders

Sports Leaders training (Years 5 & 6) Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January.  
Year 6 to Henshaw every Thursday morning.

Please return permission slips if you have not done so already.

Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Lockerbie Manor residential presentation (Year 4, 5 & 6 parents & children) – 4.00pm

## Parent support

Thank you very much to all our parent volunteers who are a fabulous help to the staff in school. We really appreciate the time that you give up on a regular basis to help us with transport to various sports, support during schools visits and delivering sessions in school time.

NUFC training sessions will continue next term. Further details will be sent in the New Year.

**Stem Club** (Key Stage 2) will be on **Tuesdays** commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January (3.00 – 4.30pm £2.50)

## Virgin Money

Starting January 11<sup>th</sup>, Maisie M and Brandon will be selling hot chocolate on Fridays at break time (10.30am).  
Hot chocolate - 20p, Hot chocolate and marshmallows – 30p, Hot chocolate, marshmallows and cream – 50p

I would like to say thank you to each and every member of staff and child across the federation. They all work so hard and will hopefully have a calm and rested Christmas break.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all again on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours,



Sarah Hutchinson  
Executive Headteacher

**Sports Leader Training**

**Years 5 & 6**

**Name of child .....**

I can/can not transport children to Henshaw for 9.00am on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January

Signed .....