



### Star of the Week

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Reception | Archer Brown   |
| Year 1    | Harrison Lewis |
| Year 2    | Timothy Davies |
| Year 3    | Oliver Kitchen |
| Year 4    | All of Year 4  |
| Year 5    | Kaiya Thackrah |

## Highburton CE First Academy Newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Headteacher's Award

#### Jake Stanton

For having a fantastic week! You sung your heart out in church, finished your phonics and learned all your lines perfectly. What an amazing end to the Spring term!  
Well done Jake!



#### Friday Fine Diners

This week's Friday Fine Diners are Freddie Fletcher in Reception and Nellie Bradley in Year 5

### Lunchtime Award

Well done to for achieving the lunchtime award this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



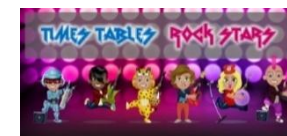
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### This Weeks Attendance

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Reception     | 96.62%        |
| Year 1        | 96.28%        |
| Year 2        | 97.4%         |
| Year 3        | 97.44%        |
| Year 4        | 96.76%        |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <b>97.61%</b> |

### Attendance

Well done to **Year 5** for achieving the highest attendance this week. You will receive a treat to celebrate your achievement.



### TT Rockstar's

This week's times tables champions are **Year 4**. Next week's battles have been set, please encourage your child to take part.

### PE Days

|           |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Reception | Friday (Children to come in PE Kit) |
| Year 1    | Monday & Wednesday                  |
| Year 2    | Monday & Wednesday                  |
| Year 3    | Tuesday & Thursday                  |
| Year 4    | Tuesday & Thursday                  |
| Year 5    | Wednesday & Friday                  |

## **A Wonderful Term!**

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting term, it's hard to believe that we have already completed two-thirds of the school year! The children have worked incredibly hard, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and achievements across all areas of school life.

One of the highlights of the term was our wonderful church service. It was heartwarming to see the church full once again, with the children putting on a fantastic performance that truly captured the spirit of the season. Thank you to everyone who came along to support them!

We've also had an action-packed term filled with sporting activities, trips, and incredible learning experiences. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or out on visits, the children have continued to impress us with their determination, creativity, and willingness to embrace new challenges.

Looking ahead, the summer term promises even more excitement. There are lots of engaging activities planned to enrich your child's learning and create wonderful memories as we head towards the end of the school year.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new term!

## **Easter Church Performance**

What a truly special Easter performance we had at church! The children put on a fantastic show, filling the church with beautiful songs, heartfelt poems, and a wonderful retelling of the Easter story by our Collective Worship team. It was a joy to see them sharing the message of Easter with such confidence and enthusiasm.

Once again, the church was absolutely full, a testament to how important these events are to our parents, families, and the wider community. Your support makes these moments even more special, and we are so grateful to everyone who came along to watch.

A special thank you to those who braved the walk down to church! After 15 years, it certainly doesn't get any easier... though at least this time, we didn't have to battle the rain!

Well done to all the children and staff involved in making this such a memorable event – what a lovely way to celebrate Easter together!

## Jorvik Trip

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to York to visit Jorvik and The Dig. They explored The Dig completing an archaeological dig inside the museum uncovering bones as well as treasures. Additionally, the children took part in a battle tactics workshop learning about the weapons used in battle and armour worn on the battlefield. Some of the children tested out the weapons which Miss Lane wasn't too sure about. Later, the children enjoyed a tour around the Jorvik museum enjoying a pod ride tour through a realistic Viking town where they were welcomed by Vikings themselves in their homes and through bustling streets. Overall, the day was a success enjoyed in the sunshine.



## **Chocolate Bingo – Eyes Down for a Fun-Filled Night!**

What a fantastic evening we had at **Chocolate Bingo**! The hall was buzzing with excitement as children and adults alike eagerly dabbed away, eyes fixed on their bingo cards, all hoping to win some delicious Easter treats.

Some might say, the real star of the night was Mr. Booth! Comfortable on the mic and trying to work out the somewhat interesting calls. We think he might just have found his true calling – move over, teaching, and hello Gala Bingo!

There were plenty of winners, plenty of chocolate, and plenty of tense moments as players waited for that all-important final number. The atmosphere was brilliant, and it was wonderful to see families enjoying a fun-filled evening together.

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the event! The funds raised will go a long way in supporting the school, and we truly appreciate everyone who came along to join in the fun.

Now, who's up for another round next year? Mr Booth is definitely up for it!!!

## **Welcome to Mrs Napier!**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Napier to our team as our newly appointed Cover Supervisor!

Mrs. Napier has been an integral part of our school community for many years, with her own children coming through Highburton First Academy and the fantastic role she has played on the PTA. More recently, she has been volunteering in school, and we have all seen firsthand her dedication and enthusiasm for supporting our children.

She also previously worked at Highburton First Academy (then School) some time ago, so this feels like a wonderful homecoming! We know she will be a fantastic addition to the Highburton family, and we are excited to have her on board in this new role.

Please join us in giving her a very warm welcome!





## We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

### We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

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Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

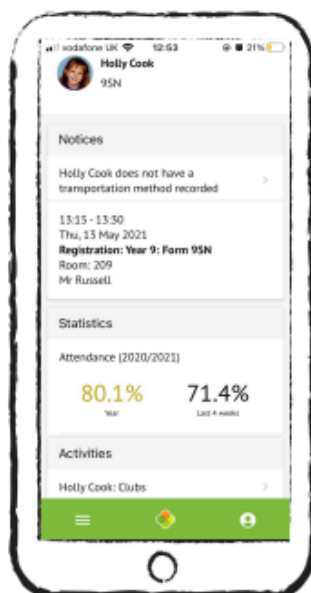
### Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

#### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our payment and communication system to Arbor on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data, payment and workflows into one system.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#).

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted. Please note, this email may go in to your junk folder.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

Due to this move, we ask that all children's dinner money accounts, on ParentPay, are paid up until and including, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. This means that your account should be in credit by £22.00, from today. (If your child has school dinners every day.)

Any trips where monies are due before Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, please ensure these are paid as soon as possible. Any trips where monies are due after Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, these will be available to pay on Arbor on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

If you have any queries please contact Miss Grist in the school office.

Kind Regards

Graham Booth  
Head of School



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This is a reminder to all parents that we have fully transitioned from Parent Pay to **Arbor** and all payments should now be made through the **Arbor Parent App**. We no longer use the ParentPay System.



# Shelley Pyramid Cycling

INDIVIDUAL CYCLING RACE

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

at Scissett Middle School – on grass

The first race starts at 4.00 p.m. and the rest  
will follow in 10 minute intervals.

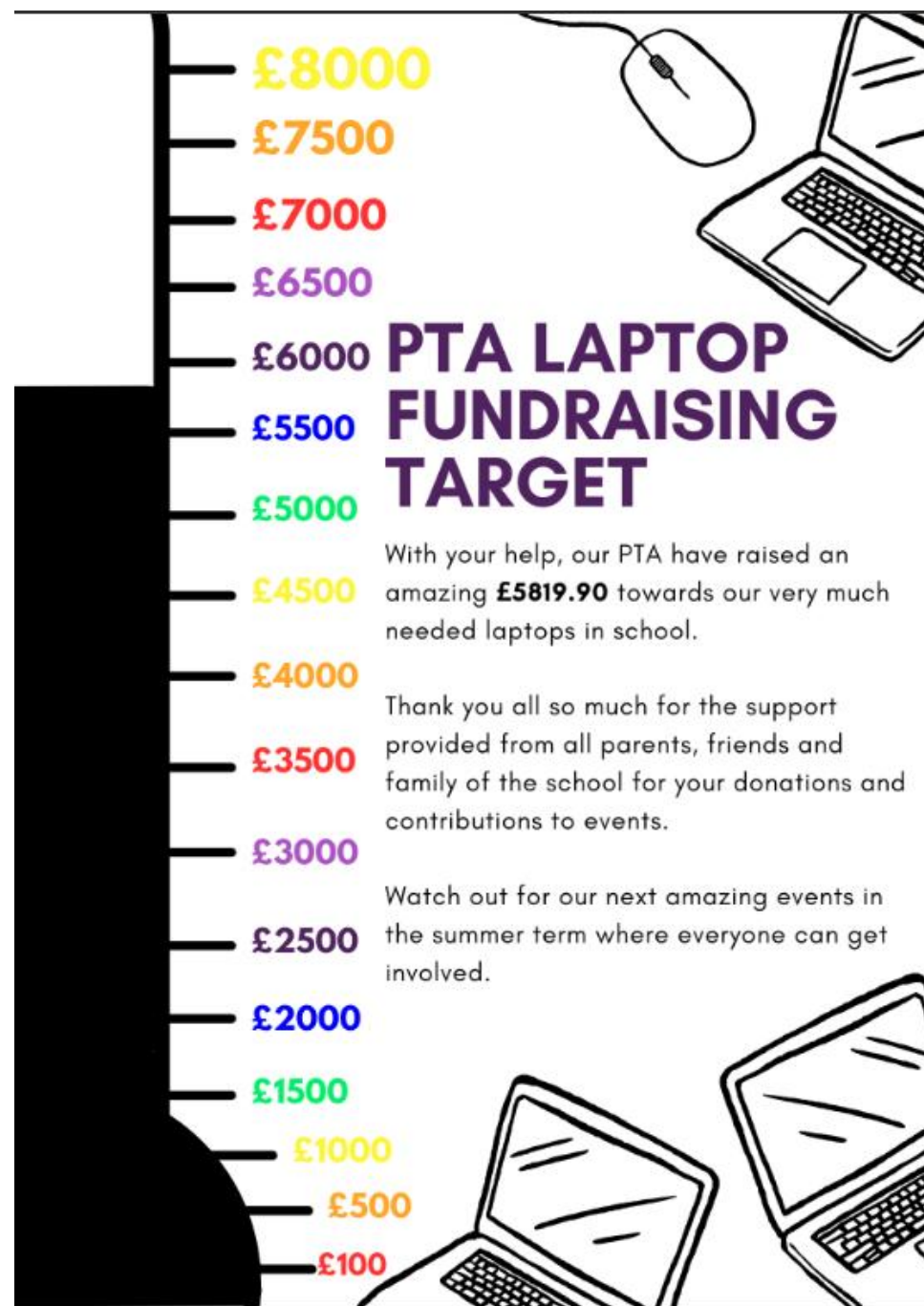
Children will need to bring their own bike and must wear a helmet (the course is not suitable for balance bikes or bikes with stabilisers)

The course will be on grass and each race will last approximately 10 minutes, cyclists can leave after their race.

No vehicles on site until 3:50pm, Please do not park in the bus bays.

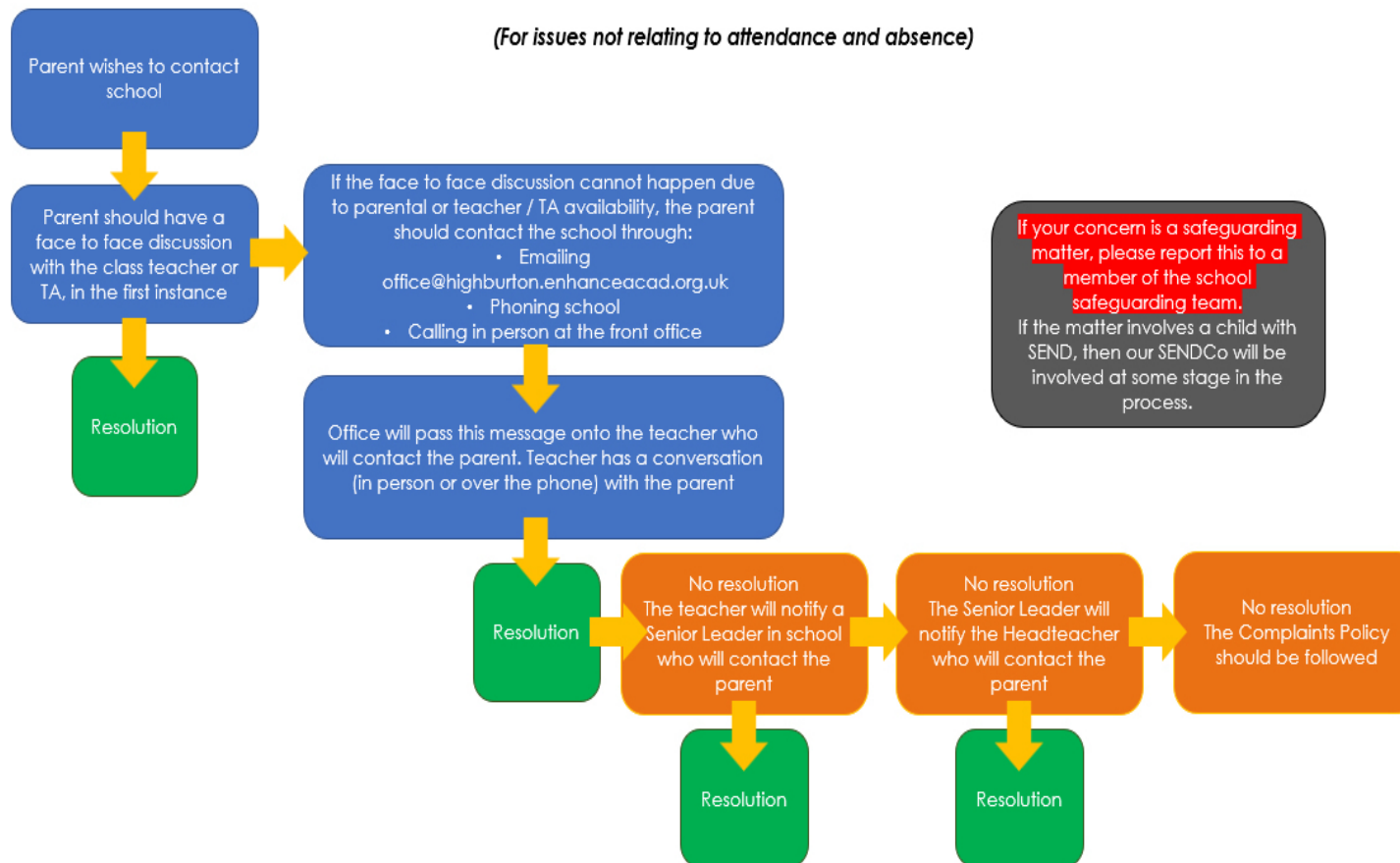
NB You will be responsible for your child at all times. School staff are not attending this event.

All cyclists will receive a certificate of attendance with the top 3 girls and boys in each race receiving a medal. **Please confirm on Arbor by 1pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April if your child would like to take part.**



## Parental communication flowchart

(For issues not relating to attendance and absence)



# Colour Fest

The Hindu festival Holi is celebrated to end the season of the cold winter months and to welcome in the spring.

Celebrations of Holi happen within the streets of India using powdered colour and water to represent the start of the new season.

**For the very first time, we are hosting our own festival of colour incorporating our school family community:**

All participants, including teachers, will run laps of the sports field and be covered in paint, representing the colours of the rainbow at 7 different paint and water stations.

All participants will receive a pair of sunglasses to protect their eyes and a finisher medal.

Available to purchase on the day are additional bags of paint to throw prior to the event.

Sons of the North will be serving hot food and beverages.

Krispy Crème Donut stall.

Photo station for before and after selfies and pictures with your school friends and families.

Spectators are welcome to cheer on our runners and make the most of the refreshments available.

Volunteers will be needed at registration and paint stations, and we will come back to you nearer the time.

When: Saturday 17 May. 11am onwards

Adults £10, Child under 16 £8, Pre Schoolers free

The additional cost of 13p on is the Arbor transaction fee.

# Colour Fest Volunteers Needed

For our Colour Fest to be the best it can be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, we are reaching out for your help to ensure the event can go ahead knowing that we have enough volunteers ahead of the day.

Please review the list of volunteer roles below, and if you are able to help support this event, please email the school office with your preference of role.

Thank you for your support, the children are already hyped up and looking forward to the day!

| Volunteer Role  | Number Needed |
|---|---------------|
| Registration  | 2             |
| First Aiders  | 2             |
| Paint Throwers  | 8             |
| Water Pistol Blasters   | 4             |
| Finish Line Medals  | 2             |
| Paint Packet Stall  | 2             |
| Krispy Kreme Donut Stall  | 2             |
| Photographers – For on the field and at the before and after selfie station | 6             |
| Valuables Drop Off Area   | 2             |



## Term Dates

| <b>2024/2025</b> | <b>School closes<br/>at 3.30 p.m. on:</b> | <b>School opens again<br/>at 9.00 a.m. on:</b> |
|------------------|---|--|
| Easter 2025      | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025         | <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>      |
| May Bank Holiday | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025           | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025               |
| Spring Bank      | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025          | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025               |
| Summer Holiday   | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025         |  |

| <b>2025/2026</b>   | <b>School closes<br/>at 3.30 p.m. on:</b> | <b>School opens again<br/>at 9.00 a.m. on:</b> |
|--------------------|---|--|
| First day back     |   | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025         |
| October Half term  | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025    | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025           |
| Christmas          | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025   | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026            |
| February Half-Term | Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026   | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026          |
| Easter 2026        | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026        | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026             |
| May Bank Holiday   | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026           | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026               |
| Spring Bank        | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026          | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026               |
| Summer Holiday     | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026         |  |

## Diary Dates

| <b>April 2025</b>             |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | Hi-5 Netball festival at Shelley College. Letters sent to those involved.                                |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Year 2 Synagogue trip  |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Year 4 Cliffe House drop in – In class 3.30-4.00pm   |
| <b>May 2025</b>               |  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Year 3,4 & 5 Film night – details to follow  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Year 1 Mosque trip   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>      | Yr2,3,4 & Cycling event – Scissett Middle School – Please confirm your child's place on Arbor by 25.4.25 |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May | Save the date! – Highburton Colour Fest – Book your place on Parent pay.                                 |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>      | Tempest Class Photos – All children in School uniform  |

**Our Afterschool clubs are now bookable on Arbor!**

**Monday – Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 - Summer sports club**

**Tuesday – Art club – Yr3,4 &5**

**Wednesday – Choir – Yr2,3,4 &5**

**Please note the School Office has a new email address:**

**[office@highburton.enhanceacad.org.uk](mailto:office@highburton.enhanceacad.org.uk)**

# School Lunches

Just a reminder that if your child has school lunches and is in Year 3, 4 or 5 you must make sure that their dinner money account on Arbor is kept in credit by at least one week. Please note from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 the cost of School lunches has increased and is now £2.75 per day, so if your child has school lunches every day their lunch account must be in credit by £13.75. Since becoming part of the Enhance Academy Group on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 school lunch accounts are now managed in house. We currently have a high number of accounts that are more than one week in arrears. If your account is in arrears you will receive weekly reminder emails/texts until it is back in credit. If you are having difficulty with payments please contact the office. Thanks.

**NB** If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 or in receipt of pupil premium their school lunches are free so please do not pay any money on to their lunch account. **Also, please remind your child that if they are having a PACKED LUNCH that they select this on the meal selector in school and do not select a meal – as this is causing parents to be charged for meals that their children are not having.**

Thank you.

## Dinner Menu for W/C Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

|                  |   |  |   |   |
|------------------|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Week 1</b>    |   |  |   |   |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>Quorn Dippers</b><br><i>served with Herb Potatoes and Peas &amp; Sweetcorn</i>                     | <b>Cauliflower, Sweet Potato &amp; Chickpea Curry</b><br><i>served with Wholegrain Rice</i>        | <b>Jacket Potato with Baked Beans &amp; Cheese</b><br><i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>           | <b>Jam Shortcake</b><br><i>served with Creamy Custard</i><br><b>Homemade Flapjack</b><br><b>Fresh Fruit Salad</b>         |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>Mexican Chicken Fajitas</b><br><i>served with Carnival Rice and Side Salad</i>                     | <b>Homemade Margherita Pizza</b><br><i>served with Seasoned Wedges and Seasonal Salad</i>          | <b>Pasta</b><br><i>served with a Homemade Tomato &amp; Basil Sauce with Homemade Garlic Bread</i> | <b>Fruit in Jelly</b><br><b>Assorted Homemade Muffins</b><br><b>Fresh Fruit Platter</b>                                   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>Roast of the Day</b><br><i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | <b>Quorn Sausage</b><br><i>served with Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables</i> | <b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Panini</b><br><i>served with Side Salad</i>                                | <b>Fruit Crumble</b><br><i>served with Creamy Custard</i><br><b>Reduced Sugar Desserts</b><br><b>Mixed Fruit Yoghurts</b> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>Homemade Sausage Roll</b><br><i>served with Seasoned Wedges and Salad or Coleslaw</i>              | <b>Cheese &amp; Onion Roll</b><br><i>served with Seasoned Wedges and Baked Beans</i>               | <b>Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise &amp; Coleslaw</b><br><i>served with Seasonal Salad</i>     | <b>Homemade Carrot Cake</b><br><b>Assorted Ice Cream</b><br><b>Fresh Fruit</b>  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>Oven Baked Fish Fingers</b><br><i>served with Chips and Garden Peas</i>                            | <b>BBQ Vegetable &amp; Bean Wrap</b><br><i>served with Chips and Seasonal Salad</i>                | <b>Tandoori Chicken Flatbread</b><br><i>served with Chips and Raita Sauce</i>                     | <b>Chocolate Slab Cake</b><br><b>Assorted Home Baking</b><br><b>Fresh Fruit Salad</b>                                     |

## Snacks at school

Polite reminder that snacks should be brought in a small **named** container, see example below (we do not have space to store large/lunch boxes) These should contain fruit, vegetables or cheese **ONLY**. Yoghurts, breadsticks, crackers, cereal bars or sreen bars are **NOT** allowed. (This is due to children having allergies) **If you send your child to school with grapes, please can you ensure they are cut up, to prevent choking.** Please also remember to send your child with a **named** bottle filled with water. Thank you.

### **Collecting other children.**

Please can we remind all parents that if your child is going to be collected from school by another parent you need to inform the class teacher in the morning or phone or email [office@highburton.enhanceacad.org.uk](mailto:office@highburton.enhanceacad.org.uk) to let them know during the day. If another parent asks to take your child and you have not told us about this, then we can unfortunately not let your child go without contacting yourself first. If another parent will be collecting your child long-term or you would like to give permission for another parent to take your child, then again please contact the school office via email to give this permission. Thank you.

### **Polite Reminder From Mr Booth**

Please can we remind all parents that children should be walked all the way to their classroom doors on a morning and not just let out of cars at the junction of Northfield Lane and Moor Lane. If you are running late, please park your car up on Moor Lane, not Northfield Lane or the school Car Park.

Parents should also not be using the playgroup car park for parking, dropping off and collecting children.

Thank you.

### **Use of playground equipment before and after school**

Since the beginning of term, we have again noticed children climbing on the trim trail and climbing frame in the playground before and after school. Please can we remind all parents and carers that due to health and safety, children are not allowed to play on the trim trail or other climbing equipment in our playground either before or after school. Please make sure you keep an eye on your children so they are unable to do this. This includes the trees in our grounds. Please can we ask that children and their siblings do not play with or move the activities that are set out in the Reception playground, Mrs Senior and Mrs Haigh spend a lot of time planning and setting activities out for the children, so we ask if you can encourage your children not to move things and mess with them. Thank you.



### Parking on Northfield Lane and around school

Please do not park on Northfield Lane, especially at the junction. Not only does it contravene the Highway Code which states – do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction. It is dangerous and puts our children's lives at risk. As we have stated many times before – **Northfield Lane is a private lane and parents and carers do not have right of access so please do not park on Northfield Lane.**

Polite reminder that the car park at school is for **STAFF ONLY**. (unless arranged with school)

Our school gates are now closed at drop off and pick up (due to the number of children and parents using the car park to park in, or as a short cut on foot), there have been instances where a car/van or cars have parked further on the lane next to the gate that goes across to our field. **Again – it is a private lane** and you are actually blocking a driveway by parking there! There are also cars regularly parked on the lane directly opposite our school gates to drop off and pick up. We are aware that the majority of our parents and carers either walk to school or park sensibly. However, there are a small number of parents who think it is ok to park anywhere whether that be half on a pavement or even totally on the pavement, across a driveway, on a junction, on a bend, in a bus stop, across the zigzag lines, on the grass verge, or literally in some cases in the middle of the lane! If you are one of these parents or carers please ask yourself - Would I park anywhere else like I do at school? We have no doubt the answer would be 'No!' In which case DO NOT PARK like that at school either!

### Another reminder about hair!



Please make sure your child has their hair fully tied back for school every day. It must be tied back if it is long enough to do so. If your child (boys and girls) comes to school with their hair down it is really difficult for them to pay attention or concentrate when they are having to constantly flick their hair out of their eyes.

Children will be given a bobble to tie their hair back if it is getting in the way of their learning although we do not have a never-ending supply of bobbles and are giving out 5 or 6 bobbles every day. Having hair tied back also reduces the likelihood of head lice in school.

Even the football players wear their hair tied back/in a headband so it doesn't get in the way of their game.



Best wishes

Graham Booth (Head of School)

Tom Burns (Executive Head)