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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can not believe that it is half term next week and we have already been working with the children for 6 weeks. Time has flown by!

The children had great fun playing in the mud earlier on in the week when we had the wet weather. They have also enjoyed going out on the school field to look at the Autumn leaves and the other changes that take place in the Autumn.

Thank you to everyone who attended our official 'Grand Opening' ceremony on Wednesday morning. It was great to be able to share with everyone what a fantastic group of children we have and our amazing building. For those people who were not able to make it, we had over 80 guests and several guest speakers including: Cathie Paine (Deputy CEO from REAch2), Cllr Tony Ball (Deputy Cabinet Member for education and Skills) and Maggie Hulcoop (Chair of Harlow Council).

Cathie Paine, Deputy Chief Executive of REAch2 Academy Trust said:

"We are absolutely delighted to be opening a brand-new, state of the art school for Harlow – at REAch2 we are committed to provide exceptional opportunities for learning in every single one of our academies. Newhall will be no different, and we look forward to working with Debbie and her team to make that promise a reality for local families."

Cllr Tony Ball, ECC's Deputy Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, said:

"I was delighted to attend the brand-new Newhall Primary Academy School and Nursery today and help officially open the new facilities.

Please look out in the Harlow Star and on Your Harlow as we are hoping for some press coverage.

We had a Friends of Newhall Committee meeting on Tuesday night to discuss the plans for the Christmas Fayre. It will be held on Saturday 8th December between 2pm and 4pm in the school hall. Please let Caroline Tooze know if you are able to help in any way.

A letter is coming home with Reception children today regarding attendance. Each half term you will receive an update on your child's attendance and how this compares to the national average. Our current target is 96% and children are classed as persistent absentees, once they are of compulsory school age, if their attendance falls below 90%. It is therefore important that we monitor attendance closely as the odd day off here and there soon adds up.

Obviously, we do not expect children to come into school if they are really ill, but if they are just feeling a bit under the weather, please send them in and we can always give you a call if they do not improve during the day. We often find that children are fine once they get into class and start learning. Good attendance has a direct correlation with good outcomes, whereas children whose attendance is poor, end up with gaps in their learning and often struggle to catch up with their peers.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
on 1	Tuna & Tomato Pasta Bake served with Herby Bread & Mixed Salad	Southern Style Breaded Chicken with Braised Vegetable Rice (skinless b/less thigh)	Roast Topside of Beet & Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Florets, Carrots & Gravy	Baked Ashlyns Sausage Crushed New Potatoes & Baked Beans	Battered Fillet of Cod served with Oven Chips & Garden Peas
on 2	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake served with Herby Bread & Mixed Salad	Southern Style Breaded Quorn Strips with Braised Vegetable Rice	Lentil & Vegetable Loaf & Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Florets, Carrots & Gravy	Baked Quorn Sausage Crushed New Potaloes & Baked Beans	Courgette & Tomato Wholemeal Quiche with Oven Chips & Garden Peas
sert	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt or Lemon Shortbread	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt or Frozen Yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt or Jam Sponge with Custard
	W	eek commencing - 29th Oct, 1	19th Nov, 10th Dec, 7th Jan, 28	th Jan, 25th Feb, 18th Mar	

Please see the menu below for the first week back:

Message from the Friends of Newhall

Movie and Munch tickets will be sold before and after school on $1^{st} \& 2^{nd}$ November. If your child attends Breakfast or After-School Club, tickets can also be booked on these dates.

Children will be designing their own Christmas cards after half term and you will be given the opportunity to purchase sets, along with other items including mugs and teddy bears. All profits made will go to the Friends of Newhall and be put towards our outdoor play equipment.

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Debbie Gayler

