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## Newsletter 14 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had lots of fun on Friday when we all dressed up for Children in Need. The children enjoyed baking Pudsey cakes and taking part in various Children in Need activities throughout the day in both Reception and Nursery. In total we raised £140! Well done to everyone for taking part and thank you for your kind donations.



I spent Monday morning looking at teaching and learning in Reception and Nursery. I watched the children learning their phonics using the Read Write Inc programme and I was very impressed with how the children are using their Fred Fingers to help them sound out and write words using the sounds that they have learnt. The children's books also show that they are making good progress in their writing.

During their Maths lesson, the Reception children were using 'Number Disco' to help them with their counting. They were also challenged with some larger numbers in Pom's tummy, which they had to work out one more and one less than. The children then used Numicon and other practical resources to support them with counting and number recognition. All of the children were really focused and keen to tell me about their learning.

The atmosphere in Nursery was extremely calm and purposeful and all of the children were either engaged in learning activities with adults or playing independently. I was very impressed with how the children are learning some sign language to support them with their communication and language.

They were talking about how the expression on your face can portray how you are feeling and the children are starting to learn different words to describe how they are feeling. Some of the children were using Compare Bears and ordering them in size and then sorting them based on size or colour. I also visited the role play shop, where I was charged £49.99 for a tomato!

On Wednesday we welcomed approximately 80 visitors to our school for our Open Day for parents of prospective Reception children for 2019/20. Apart from a few technical issues with my presentation, the day was extremely positive and our children coped remarkably well with having so many visitors in their classrooms. Many of them spoke to the parents about what they were learning and what they liked about school. They amaze us every day with how confident they are. I would also like to thank Kar-Sin, Mark and Amy for helping us out with the guided tours and providing tea, coffee and biscuits on behalf of the Friends of Newhall.

Please see the menu below for next week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
n 1	Pepperoni Pizza served with Coleslaw & mixed bean salad	Beef Bolognaise Wholemeal Pasta Bake with 'Home Made' Garlic Bread & Peas	Roast Pork served with Apple Sauce, Roast Potatoes, Shredded Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Mild Chicken Curry with Turmeric Rice & Broccoli Florets	Ashlyns Cheese Burger in a Bun served with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
12	Margarita Pizza served with Coleslaw & mixed bean salad	Creamy Macaroni Cheese served with 'Home Made' Garlic Bread & Peas	Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Wellington served with Roast Potatoes, Shredded Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Sweet Potato, Spinach Lentil & Dhal with Turmeric Rice & Broccoli Florets	Meat Free Burger in a Bun served with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
ert	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt or Frozen Yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt or Iced Dutch Apple & Cinnamon Cake	Freshly cut fruit or Organic fruit yoghurt or Oat & Ginger Cookies
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## Message from the Friends of Newhall

We are now finalising details for our Christmas Fayre and there is another meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Please come along, or let Caroline Tooze know if you are available to help.

If you own a business or know somebody that does, we are still looking for donations of raffle prizes. There will also be a non-uniform day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, in exchange for a donation for the Christmas Fayre tombola. Here are a few suggestions: bottle of wine; box of chocolates/biscuits; unwanted gift i.e. beauty set; unused toy/puzzle/book etc. Finally, I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Debbie Gayler