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**Newsletter 22**  
**1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been very excited this week to go out in the snow. On Wednesday they all put their wellies on and played outside until all the snow had been used up. They have enjoyed exploring how to make ice melt and looking at patterns they can make in the snow.

Reception children have continued to learn about space this week and have been finding out about the different planets. They have even made their own planets and written about which planet they would like to visit and why. I enjoyed working with Sienna and Ata in the Outdoor Learning Environment, where they drew all the planets in the solar system in the right order in chalk on the playground. Mia and Celia were also determined to get their all-weather gear over their school uniform and winter coats so that they could play in the mud kitchen.

We visited the library for a second time this week and some of the children were able to change their library books. Please can you make sure that children are reminded to bring their library books back on a Thursday. As part of our work around 'Alice in Wonderland' some children went in the Teaching Kitchen with Mrs Mepsted and had a wonderful time making jam tarts for the Queen of Hearts. Others made their own tea cup and saucer out of clay. We are hoping that they will be dry by next week so that we can paint them.

In Nursery this week, the children have also enjoyed playing out in the snow. I was also very impressed with their listening skills when they had to listen carefully to sounds played on the CD player and then decide what was making the sound. Well done Bluebell and Snowdrop Class!

Today, we had our first proper day with snow, so staff were in school and nursery early clearing the paths so that the children could come to school safely. The children have had lots of fun playing outside in the wet-weather gear.



Below outlines our procedure if there is snow:

### Emergency Closure

If the school/nursery has to be closed during the school day the school will contact parents as soon as possible by email message or via telephone.

### Overnight Snow

If there has been snow overnight our school/nursery will be listed on the Essex County Council Emergency School Closures webpage: -

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/education-schools/schools/dates/pages/emergency-schoolclosures.aspx>

All other communication (e.g. late starts) will be broadcasted this way as well. Please also check the school website, [www.newhallacademy.org](http://www.newhallacademy.org). We will also post a message on our Facebook and Twitter page, @NewhallAcademy.

Members of staff make every effort to get to school/nursery, although in severe conditions they must make a judgement about the safety of travelling to school as some live quite a distance.

Please can I remind parents that the car park at the rear of the school is a staff car park. I would also ask that if you have any concerns about your child, you make an appointment through the school office because staff are not able to speak to you through the railings at lunch time as they are supervising the children.

Governing Body packs are now available for collection for anyone who is interested in becoming a Parent Governor. In order to be eligible, you must be a parent of a child who attends either the School or the Nursery. The deadline for nominations is 3.15pm on 6<sup>th</sup> February. If we have more than one nomination, then an election will be held.

Parents Evening appointments are now available for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 4pm – 7pm. Please contact Mrs Murphy via email or in person to book your appointment.

The next PTA meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. All parents are invited.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and our theme for the day will be stories written by Julia Donaldson. Children will be invited to dress up as a Julia Donaldson book character and there will be prizes for the most original costumes. Staff are also going to dress up and there will be a Julia Donaldson book character themed lunch on that day as well.

Please see the menu below for next week:

**Newhall Primary Academy Autumn/Winter 2018/19 – Week 2**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	Pepperoni Pizza served with Coleslaw & mixed bean salad	Beef Bolognese 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
<b>Option 2</b>	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 & Dahl with Turmeric Rice & Broccoli Florets	Meat Free Burger in a Bun served with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	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

Week commencing - 5th Nov, 26th Nov, 17th Dec, 14th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar

*All of our meat is Farm Assured and is locally sourced. Our fish is Marine Stewardship Council approved.*

Available Daily ...  
Wholemeal bread  
Choice of salads  
Water

This QR code can be read by any barcode scanner app on your smart phone to access the allergen and nutritional data.  
Or visit <http://j.mp/2ye2kKL>

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I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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