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HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friendship, Respect, Hope, Truthfulness, Wisdom, Forgiveness

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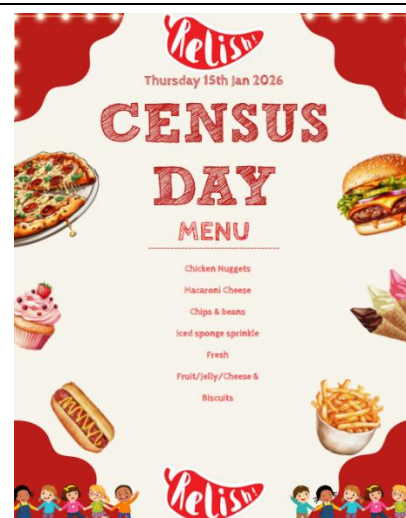
Nut Free School

Just a friendly reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. We currently have children with nut allergies, so it is very important that no nut products are brought into school.

We truly appreciate your continued support in helping us keep our school a safe environment for all children.

Relish Menu Change

There is a menu change from Relish on Thursday 15th January to celebrate Census Day. Please log into your Relish account to ensure your child has a school dinner ordered for this day.



Class 1 News

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for an exciting start to Spring 1! Over the next six weeks, we have so many fun and practical learning adventures planned. In English, we will be writing letters, exploring how to use apostrophes, and practising tenses to make our stories and sentences come alive. In Maths, we will finish learning about shapes and then dive into addition and subtraction within 100 using lots of hands-on activities and manipulatives to help us see the numbers in action.

Our reading will be full of fun stories like *Simon Sock* and *Paddington at the Palace*, and we will play phonics bingo and phonics games to help us sound out words and become super readers. In PSHE, we will think carefully about keeping ourselves safe, and in RE, we will revisit Islam, discovering who Muslims are and how they live their lives. We will get creative in Computing with digital painting and in Art, we will make our own self-portraits, exploring colours and textures. In Geography, we will travel around the continents, in Science, we will investigate everyday materials, and in History, we will journey back in time to explore The Great Fire of London.

Throughout all our learning, we will follow The Higham Way, showing excellent behaviour, listening carefully, and always trying our best. We can't wait to have fun, learn lots of new things, and make Spring 1 a fantastic start to the year together!

If you need to contact me and don't get a chance to speak to me on the playground, you can always email at lharris@higham.risemat.co.uk or email the office at office@higham.risemat.co.uk if your query is time critical during the teaching day.

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Class 2 News

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and are looking forward to the year ahead. I know that I am as we have some exciting learning in store. In Design and Technology, we will be putting into practical use some of our new science learning about electricity to design and make torches. Our French learning is also supporting our History learning as we are following a unit about L'ancienne histoire de la Grande-Bretagne (the ancient history of Great Britain). The children are already rising to the challenge!

As always thank you for your support; reading with your children, helping them with their homework and coming to parents evenings. It is great that we can work together to make sure all of our children flourish and succeed. If you need to contact me and don't get a chance to speak to me on the playground, you can always email at sevans@higham.risemat.co.uk or email the office at office@higham.risemat.co.uk if your query is time critical during the teaching day.

Class 3 News

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you and your children had a restful break. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead in Year 5 and Year 6 and wanted to share an overview of what the children will be learning across the curriculum. In English, we are learning about writing to inform; we will be writing a newspaper report based on our Geography topic – Globalisation. In Maths, the children are focusing on multiplication and division – including written methods. Knowledge of key facts will be a continued focus through Mastering Number and use of TT Rockstars. Our whole class read is Goodnight Mr Tom – which will help us with our History topic later this year.

We have started the term with Geography – learning about Globalisation and how our connections are on the increase. Science will have us investigating about Evolution and Inheritance; in Music we will continue to learn clarinet and cornets together; in RE discussions are finishing around why some people believe in God and some not, before we start to learn about Hindus and why they want to be good; in PSHE, the children will learn about keeping themselves safe.

Our PE day is **THURSDAY**.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or would like to support your child's learning at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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Young Writers Competition

We are excited to offer the children a fantastic opportunity to become **published authors!**

A poetry competition is available for all children who would like to take part. **KS1** children are challenged to write a *Senses Poem*, while **KS2** children are invited to write a poem titled "*I Have a Dream*".

If your child would like to enter the competition, please speak to the school office. We will provide a booklet to help inspire their creativity and support them in creating a beautiful poem!

We look forward to seeing the wonderful poems the children produce!

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Dates for your diary

Dates in red are when parents/carers are invited to attend.

This half term:

Friday 30th January – Collective Worship at Church – 2:45pm

Friday 6th February – Parent Workshare - 2.30pm

Further ahead:

Wednesday 4th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 5th March – Parents Evening

Friday 20th March – Parent Workshare - 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th March – Easter Church Service – 10am

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – SAT's

Friday 15th May – Parent Workshare - 2.30pm

Thursday 30th June – Leavers Service – 10am

Friday 3rd July – Parent Workshare (Book Collection Only) - 2.45pm