



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"



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Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

We continue to receive parking complaints

We have now contacted our local PCSO who will be monitoring the parking situation in the mornings and afternoons. Around the yellow and zig zag lines around our school perimeter. This has proven paramount for the safety of all. **Included in this patrol will be Nobel School and Rainbows End Pre School/Timebridge car parks, which we do not have permission to use.** As previously asked can you also please be considerate of our local residents by not blocking their driveways when dropping off or collecting children. Thank you. We have a good reputation within our local community and appreciate your support to maintain this.

Nursery Admissions – September 2019

There is a new system in place now for Stevenage Nursery applications next year which will operate on a first come first serve basis. We don't want any of our current families to miss out. Therefore, if you can contact us a.s.a.p. to request a place, we will then be able to issue you with an application form at the school office.

Marilyn Hawes – Freedom from abuse

Back by popular demand after overwhelming positive feedback from parents last week, Marilyn will be returning to school on **Wednesday 7th November 2018 18:30-20:00 to present a session for parents/carers only on: WHAT DOES STRANGER DANGER LOOK LIKE IN 2018 ONLINE & IN STEVENAGE?**

After school sibling photos – Sign-up sheet at the office

This is now in place for siblings outside of Lodgefarm on Thursday 18th October 2018. Please let us know a.s.a.p if you require a timeslot and we will endeavour to meet your request.

Meetings with Teachers

Teachers are available for quick messages at the classrooms when dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day. However, if you wish to discuss a matter in more detail, teachers will be more than happy to have a meeting with you. This can be arranged through the office who can book this for you.

Secondary & Upper School Admissions 2019

Reminder: Please be aware that the deadline for applications to Secondary and Upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the **closing date of Wednesday 31st October 2018. However, you are recommended to complete it by Friday 26th October,** as there

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
OCTOBER	
Monday 15th October 2018	Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents/Carers = 18:30 – 19:30
Thursday 18 th October 2018	Individual and sibling photographs. Times will be available after school for family photos
Monday 29 th October 2018 – Friday 2 nd November 2018	Autumn Half Term
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 7th November 2018	Marilyn Hawes – Freedom from Abuse. Parents Session 18:30-20:00.
Thursday 8 th November 2018	Armistice Day – watch out for the dedicated flyer & themed menu
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	Parents Consultations = 14:00 – 16:30. Appointment letters to follow
Thursday 22 nd November 2018	Parents Consultations = 16:00 – 19:30. Appointment letters to follow
DECEMBER	
Monday 3 rd December 2018	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11th December 2018	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5 children
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day. Lunch options to be confirmed nearer the time
Thursday 20 th December 2018	End of Autumn Term – NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 21 st December 2018	End of Autumn Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Rec to Year 6)
JANUARY 2019	
Monday 7 th January 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Start of Spring Term
FEBRUARY	
Monday 18 th -22 nd February 2019	Spring Half Term
APRIL	
Thursday 4 th April 2019	End of Spring Term – NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 5 th April 2019	End of Spring Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Reception to Year 6)
Monday 8 th - 22 nd April 2019	Easter Break

will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying. Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Or alternatively if you cannot access the internet you can request a printed version of the application form by contacting the **Admissions and Transport Team on 01992 555 957**. Any applications received after Wednesday 31st October will be considered as 'LATE' applications and are considered after all of the on time applications.



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Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) Dinner Monies

Dinner money is required to be paid in advance please. This can be done via schoolgateway.com or the school office in cash or by cheque. The cost is £2.50 per day. Thank you.

School Dinners

W/C 15th October 2018 = Week 1 of our new Deli & Street Menu. You can also view this on our website. **Please note that wherever there was an egg option on the menu this has now been changed to cheese.**

Home packed lunches

Due to some of our children having severe nut allergies, please **DO NOT** put items in your child's packed lunch box that contains nuts, this includes Nutella. This is greatly appreciated.

Key Stage 2 Snacks

Please can we request that crisps and chocolate bars are not sent in for the children's morning snacks. Thank you.

Uniform – Please remember to label every item with your child's name

As a reminder the two uniform suppliers that you can purchase our branded school uniform from can be accessed by following the links below. You're welcome to still check what stock we still have left here from the office, however this is quite limited now.

Essential Schoolwear:

<https://www.essentialschoolwear.com/> (Full range of uniform available)

Tesco's Uniform: <https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues> (White embroidered polo shirt/navy embroidered sweatshirts and cardigans)

MSA positions available

We are currently recruiting for Midday Supervisors to come and work in our amazing new dining areas at lunchtimes. If you are interested, please see Mrs Collins at the school office for an application.

No road crossing patrol - Reminder

Please take extra care crossing Mobbsbury Way and going across Nobel School's entrance as there is no road crossing patrol there anymore unfortunately. Could you please remind your children that travel to and from school by themselves of this. Thank you parents/carers.

APRIL	
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Wednesday 24 th April 2019	Start of Summer Term
MAY	
Monday 6 th May 2019	Mayday Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May 2019	KS2 SATS Week – NO HOLIDAYS FOR YEAR 6 IN THIS WEEK PLEASE
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May 2019	Summer Half Term (School finishes at normal time on Friday 24 th May)
JUNE	
Monday 10 th June 2019	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
JULY	
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Secondary Transfer Day
Thursday 18 th July 2019	End of Summer Term NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 19 th July 2019	End of Summer Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Rec to Year 6)
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Occasional Day – School Closed

Absences

As a reminder please contact the office daily if your child is not in school using the telephone number or email address above. **Providing your child's class as well as their full name when leaving messages in order for this to be received clearly.** Term time office hours are 8:15am – 4:15pm Monday – Friday. Any messages left or emails sent outside of these hours will be actioned the next working day. Thank you for your cooperation.