



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"



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Issue 19

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 25th February.

PLEASE NOTE IT IS A 3.15PM FINISH ON FRIDAY.

Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

Internet Safety Day Re-scheduled for this Friday

Due to the school closure last week, the pre-planned activities will be taking place in school on Friday. Please discuss with your child about what they learned.

Reminder: Reception Online Health Assessment – Deadline Friday 15th February

A couple of weeks ago a letter was sent out to Reception Parents/Carers from the School Nursing Team requesting your support to complete an online health assessment for your child. Please find below the link and password required. Any queries please do not hesitate to call them directly on 0300 123 7572.

<https://hertfordshire.hapi-system.com/school-entry>

Password – Jupiter1

The deadline for this to be completed is this Friday. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Herts Catering Special Diet Application

If your child has any food allergies, it is vital that you please register at www.hcl.co.uk. This is extremely important, to ensure that Herts Catering are able to provide your child with an appropriate school dinner. Thank you.

Road Safety – Further complaints received

We strongly urge you to please be mindful when dropping off/picking up when in a vehicle. Regrettably, some of our local residents are having their driveways constantly blocked and being inconvenienced. Also, please note that the yellow zig-zag lines around the school should also be kept clear at all times. A new crossing patrol warden has recently been appointed. This should also ensure that children cross the road sensibly. All this information is paramount for the continued safety of everyone.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

We're busy planning activities for the children to take part in on this day. These will include the Big Book Off Challenge and a Reading Relay with prizes up for grabs. Your child is welcome to come in dressed as their favourite character from a book of their choice on this day.

13th February 2019

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
FEBRUARY	
Friday 15 th February 2019	Safer Internet Day
Monday 18 th -22 nd February 2019	Spring Half Term
Thursday 28 th February 2019	PTA Spring Disco (all year groups)
MARCH	
Friday 1 st March 2019	Year 6 only non-uniform day and cake sale for all year groups
Thursday 7 th March 2019	World Book Day – Children are welcome to dress up as a chosen character from a book on this day
Friday 15 th March 2019	Red Nose Day – Details to follow
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Early Parent's Consultations – times to follow

APRIL	
Thursday 4 th April 2019	Late Parents' Consultations – times to follow
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
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Wednesday 24 th April 2019	Start of Summer Term
MAY	
Throughout May 2019	
Monday 6 th May 2019	Mayday Holiday – School Closed
Friday 10 th May 2019	Year 6 only non-uniform day and cake sale for all year groups
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
Tuesday 11 th June – 6.30	Marilyn Hawes – back by popular demand!
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



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PTA Spring Disco

Letters were sent home last week, with your child regarding our PTA Spring Disco on Thursday 28th February 2019.

Please check for details of how to secure tickets. The disco will run at the following times:

Nursery & Reception will be 3:30 - 4:30pm

Years 1 & 2 will be 4:45 - 5:45pm

Years 3 - 6 will be 6:00 - 7:30pm

Parent Support

We are thinking of setting up a parent buddy system.

The purpose is two-fold. Firstly, we think it would be great to have a class representative from the parent body. This person would be available for other parents to talk to which could, in turn be fed back to school if required. Secondly, this person would act as a buddy for any new parents joining the school. A friendly face to see each day and ask those simple questions.

Please do not think this is an onerous task and by volunteering you are committing yourself to endless meetings. At this point in time, we see it simply as a named point of contact for each class. It could be that each class has two people if we get inundated with volunteers!

So if you are interested in this role, or would like more information about it, please see Mrs Smith or Miss Turner. We look forward to hearing from you.

Governor vacancies

Some of our Governors' Term of Office come to an end in a couple of months. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the role, please arrange a meeting with Miss Turner who will gladly fill you in on what it all entails.

We would be grateful for any volunteers, but would especially welcome people with either a financial background or a safeguarding background if possible.

Site Manager position

Sadly, Mr Bothma has tendered his resignation due to family commitments in the States. Therefore we are now advertising for a new permanent Site Manager. All job details are on the TeachinHerts website. Please spread the word to anyone you think may be interested in joining our team.

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Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please do take a minute to check online. It is very simple, just go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx> or you can call the school office who will be able to help you. You should complete a free school meal application even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This has no effect on your entitlement, but it could provide extra funding for our school. Not only will you be able to have a Free School Meal every day, it will enable us to claim the Pupil Premium Grant of £1320. Even if your child still wants to bring in a packed lunch, the school will receive the Pupil Premium grant of £1320.

We are a Nut Free School – Reminder for Home Packed Lunches

School Dinners

W/C 25th February 2019 = 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.

Key Stage 2 Dinner Monies

Please note all school meals should be paid for in advance either via the school gateway free mobile app. The cost of a school meal is £2.50 per day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Nursery Admissions – September 2019

Spread the word to your family and friends. Show rounds are available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. However, if these are unsuitable please call the school office to arrange a more convenient time. 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.