



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"



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Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.



Support for our Team GB Athlete

As we announced last week, Miss Smyth (1S Class Teacher) has been lucky enough to have been selected as part of the Great Britain Premier dragon boating team, to represent GB in the World Championships this summer in Thailand.

Unfortunately as dragon boating is still an amateur sport in this country, it isn't funded in any way and therefore Miss Smyth has to support herself in training costs, accommodation, travel and kit. Miss Smyth has set up a gofundme page to help with this expense and would be incredibly grateful for any help with this! If you know of any people or businesses that would be able to assist, please forward the link on!

<https://www.gofundme.com/keeley039s-dragon-boat-world-championship-fundraiser>

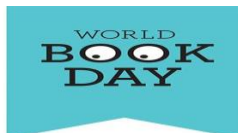
New Website live

Follow this link:

www.lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk

We have received an encouraging amount of traffic and hits onto our new school website. Thank you to all those who have visited so far and provided us with positive feedback. If you haven't already done so please take a look and let us know what you think. For all the latest school related news, events and information. This will be updated regularly with dates, clubs, homework and much more.

World Book Day



It was great to see so many of the children and staff dressed up last Thursday. You all looked fabulous in your character costumes. Thank you all for your support

All classes took part in the Big Book Off Challenge in which they were challenged to complete a number of reading activities. Congratulations to classes 3A and 2SN who completed the largest amount and won a class prize!

The whole school also took part in a reading relay in which the book The King Who Banned The Dark was read to every child from Nursery to Year 6.

13th March 2019

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
MARCH	
Friday 15 th March 2019	Red Nose Day
Monday 25 th March 2019	Class 6S only Parent's Consultations 4:00-7:00pm.
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Early Parent's Consultations – times to follow
Thursday 28 th March 2019	PTA Mother's Day Secret Room

Book Donations – collecting for Charity

Mrs Munford has recently been involved with a charity called "Just Be a Child". The charity's aim is to create Library's using shipping containers. Their aim is to collect at least 10,000 books for each shipment. When everything is ready and stacked into a 40ft shipping container the new library begins its journey to Kenya.

Currently they are very short of books and wondered if any of our parents had any unwanted children's books that they would like to donate please. The children can even write a simple message if they would like to e.g. "Hope you enjoy reading this book" and their first name at the front of the book to send to the children in Kenya. If you would like further information about the charity, please have a look at their website. www.justbeachild.com

Books can be dropped off at the school office at any time before Friday 15th March 2019.

Thank you very much in advance any help is most appreciated.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March 2019



To support Comic Relief this year we have decided to have a 'wear something red' day in exchange for a £1 donation to this worthwhile Charity. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Girls Football Report

The year 5/6 girls football team, who were all eager to get going again after their narrow defeat to Bedwell, flew out of the blocks against local rivals Camps Hill despite the heavens opening (again). It's undetermined whether Director of Football, Miss Swash, looked so smug due to the girls taking an early lead or whether it was because she was keeping dry under her new umbrella (or both).

The match ended 5-0 to Lodge Farm, with Tiyanna sealing her hat-trick late on, to cement a fantastic performance all round. Well done girls! We are all extremely proud.



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We are a Nut Free School – Reminder for Home Packed Lunches (this includes Nutella chocolate spread)

School Dinners - W/C 18th March 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.

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. In the meantime, can all parents ensure that they see their children cross the road in a safe and responsible manner. All this information is paramount for the continued safety of everyone.

Free Fun Activity Days – Stevenage Fire Station

Please see flyer attached to this Newsletter for more information.

PTA Mother's Day Secret Room

There's still time if you wish for your child to visit our secret room on Thursday 28th March 2019 and choose a selection of gifts for either Mum, Nan, Gran, Aunty or Special Person. Forms are available from the office. **Please return form with payment (£2 per gift) by Friday 22nd March** at the latest to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

APRIL	
Tuesday 2 nd April 2019	Morning Parent's Consultation 8am-12pm.
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019	Reception Screening – School Nurse Team
Thursday 4 th April 2019	Late Parent's Consultations – times to follow (except class 6S)
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
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	Reception Trip – Willows Farm
MAY	
Throughout May 2019	Year 2 SATS
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