



# NEWSLETTER

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## Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

### Mr Bothma!

Our site manager Mr Bothma will be taking a temporary leave of absence from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018, to support and spend time with his family back home in North Carolina. We will miss him during his absence, and look forward to his return early next year. In the absence of Mr Bothma, we have employed a temporary Site Manager who some of you have already met, his name is Kenneth Lagerwall.

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### Christmas Plays

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### Absence and lateness

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2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	All Years. Parents Consultations = 14:00 – 16:30.
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	<b>'Spotty Day' – Children In Need</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Nursery Parent Consultations 13:00-17:00
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	All Years. Parents Consultations = 16:00 – 19:30. Appointment letters to follow
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	PTA Christmas Fair
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal = 14:00</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Years 1W &amp; 2SN Parents Christmas Play = 9:15</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Years 1S &amp; 2SH Parents Christmas Play = 14:00</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Nursery & Class RSS Christmas Play = 10:00
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Nursery & Class RD Christmas Play = 14:00
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5 children
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Nursery &amp; Class RD Christmas Play = 10:00</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Nursery &amp; Class RSS Christmas Play = 14:00</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Christmas Performances = 14:00 &amp; 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 Christmas Performances = 14:00 &amp; 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day. Lunch options to be confirmed nearer the time
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	End of Autumn Term – NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	End of Autumn Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Rec to Year 6)
<b>JANUARY 2019</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Start of Spring Term
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Spring Half Term



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### Key Stage 2 Dinner Monies

Please note all school meals should be paid for in advance either via the school gateway free mobile app or the school office in cash or cheque. If paying by cheque please make these payable to Herts Catering. The cost of which is £2.50 per day. Thank you for your co-operation.

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### Nursery Admissions – September 2019

**Spread the word to your family and friends. Show rounds are available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.** 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.

<u>APRIL</u>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	End of Spring Term – NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	End of Spring Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Reception to Year 6)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	Easter Break
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Start of Summer Term
<u>MAY</u>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Mayday Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	KS2 SATS Week – <b>NO HOLIDAYS FOR YEAR 6 IN THIS WEEK PLEASE</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Summer Half Term (School finishes at normal time on Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May)
<u>JUNE</u>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
<u>JULY</u>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Secondary Transfer Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	End of Summer Term <b>NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	End of Summer Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Rec to Year 6)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Occasional Day – School Closed

### School Dinners

W/C 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 = Week 3 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.**

### Contact information

Please keep us updated with any changes to contact information for yourself or any emergency contacts for your child. It is vital that we have correct phone numbers, addresses and emails where possible. Please let the school office know as soon as possible when changes are made. Thank you.

### Parenting Courses

Please check out the courses section on the Family Support Area of our website for the latest parenting courses that are available.