



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"

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Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) Parent Invitation to drop in sessions

This Thursday 18th October come and say hello to our new SEND team. Between the hours of 14:00 – 15:15 and 17:30 – 18:30. Tea and coffee will be available, they look forward to meeting you.

School Photographs

Children will be having individual photographs taken on Thursday 18th October. In addition to this children who have siblings in the school will be photographed together. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to be photographed, please inform the office before 9am on Thursday morning.

After school external sibling photos – Sign-up sheet now full

The Company conducting these have no more available timeslots unfortunately.

Year 4 Parent/Carer meetings

As agreed at our last meeting we would like to invite you to a review of the current Year 4 arrangements on Weds 24th Oct at 18:30-19:30 for Miss Brosnan's Register Class and 19:30-20:30 for Miss Watson's Register class.

Absence and lateness

Please be reminded that holidays taken during term time will be **unauthorised**, as they are not deemed as exceptional circumstances. If you are requesting any leave of absence for your child/ren, please ensure where possible enough prior notice is given. This also needs to be provided in writing. Forms are available outside of the office or alternatively on our website.

Lateness has become noticeably more frequent this term so far. This is disruptive to the teachers and children in classes and therefore we would appreciate if you could please make sure that your child is in school on time for resistration. Which is at **8:50am for KS2 and 8:55am for KS1**.

Appointments

Please can we ask you parents/carers to make appointments for your child/ren e.g dentist outside of school hours where possible. For hospital/medical appointments could you provide the office with a copy of the appointment letter as we require this for our records and will be kept in their file. Thank you.

Police now patrolling

To endeavour to move on offending vehicles parking and stopping in inappropriate places, enforcement officers are conducting random spot checks.

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
OCTOBER	
Thursday 18th October 2018	SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) drop in sessions. 14:00-15:15 and 17:30-18:30.
Thursday 18 th October 2018	Individual and sibling photographs.
Wednesday 24th October 2018	YR 4 Parent Meetings. 18:30-19:30 for 4B Register Class, 19:30-20:30 for 4W Register Class.
Monday 29 th October 2018 – Friday 2 nd November 2018	Autumn Half Term
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 7 th 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 11 th December 2018	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5 children
Wednesday 19 th 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

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.



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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 STEVENGAGE?

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 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.

School Dinners

W/C 22nd October 2018 = Week 2 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.**

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.

New Website coming soon

A lot of behind the scenes work is being done to bring a new Lodge Farm Primary School website to life. More details of the changes and exciting launch will follow.

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