



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"

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21th November 2018

Issue 11

Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

Reminder: Parents Consultations – Tomorrow

Parents Consultations are being held Thursday 22nd Nov 2018 between 16:00 – 19:30. Please enter through the school office.

Children in Need

Lots of children took part in our spotty non uniform day and cake sales. Thank you for all your contributions and donations, together we have raised a whopping £640 for this worthwhile charity!!!!

Cold Weather

As the cold weather draws in, please do send your child in with appropriate clothing i.e. coats, gloves, hats and scarves. Please do remember to label them with your child's name.

Flu Consent Forms

If you haven't already returned the Flu Vaccination/Nasal Flu consent form, just a reminder please that the deadline for these to be back are Friday 23rd November 2018. If you are unable to print at home, we do have spare blank copies in the office.

Christmas Plays

All of our performance dates and times are on the right hand side. Please note as in previous years 2 tickets will be issued per child.

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.**

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
NOVEMBER	
Thursday 22 nd November 2018	All Years. Parents Consultations = 16:00 – 19:30. Appointment letters to follow
Thursday 29th November 2018	Reception Open afternoon – 1:30pm – 3:00pm
DECEMBER	
Monday 3 rd December 2018	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 5th December 2018	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal = 14:00
Thursday 6th December 2018	Years 1W & 2SN Parents Christmas Play = 9:15
Friday 7th December 2018	Years 1S & 2SH Parents Christmas Play = 14:00
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Nursery & Class RSS Christmas Play = 10:00
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Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5 children
Thursday 13th December 2018	Nursery & Class RD Christmas Play = 10:00
Thursday 13th December 2018	Nursery & Class RSS Christmas Play = 14:00
Monday 17th December 2018	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performances = 14:00 & 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way
Tuesday 18th December 2018	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performances = 14:00 & 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way
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
Wednesday 9th January 2019	Reception Open afternoon – 1:30pm – 3:00pm
FEBRUARY	
Monday 18 th -22 nd February 2019	Spring Half Term



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Reception Admissions – September 2019

We are holding open afternoons from 1:30pm to 3:00pm on

-Thursday 29th November 2018

-Wednesday 9th January 2019

If you are unable to make these days and times, alternative appointments can be arranged if necessary.

Please do spread the word to family and friends!

Please be aware Hertfordshire County Council coordinates admissions to all maintained schools. **Applications are open now and close on 15th January 2019.** Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Online applicants will receive an allocation email on 16th April 2019.

School Admissions Consultations 2020/21

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2020/21 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

To amend the wording and definition of "Rule 2 – exceptional social and medical reasons to attend a specific school" to include children previously looked after abroad and subsequently adopted;

To amend the schemes of coordination to clarify the process for late applications and continuing interest;

The consultation period runs until 6 January 2019. Please visit <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2020> for more information and to respond online.

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.

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.

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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
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

School Dinners

W/C 26th November 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.**

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.