



# NEWSLETTER

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## Issue 8

### Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

### REMINDER: Year 4 Parent/Carer meetings - Tonight

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

### Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Simpson

Mrs Simpson one of our Assistant Head teachers will leave us this Friday and start her maternity leave. We hope you will join us in wishing her well and we cannot wait to meet another new Lodge Farm baby very soon.

### Half Term

It has been a long, yet positive half term and a good start to the year. Thank you all for your continued support. We break up this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at the normal time of 3:15pm. Enjoy your break and we will see you back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. If you are unable to print at home, we do have spare blank copies in the office.

### 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.

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>YR 4 Parent Meetings. 18:30-19:30 for 4B Register Class, 19:30-20:30 for 4W Register Class.</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	Autumn Half Term
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Marilyn Hawes – Freedom from Abuse. Parents Session 18:30-20:00.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Armistice Day – watch out for the dedicated flyer & themed menu
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Parents Consultations = 14:00 – 16:30. Appointment letters to follow
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	<b>Nursery Parent Consultations 13:00-17:00</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	Parents Consultations = 16:00 – 19:30. Appointment letters to follow
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5 children
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
<b>APRIL</b>	
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

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 STEVENAGE?**

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. However, you are recommended to complete it by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October will be considered as **'LATE'** applications and are considered after all of the on time applications.

## School Dinners

W/C 5th 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.**

## 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. **If you could settle any outstanding amounts for this term before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October please.** Thank you for your co-operation.

## 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.

<b>APRIL</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Start of Summer Term
<b>MAY</b>	
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)
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
<b>JULY</b>	
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