



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"

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Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

Snow Forecast

With the impending snow forecast we have to prepare for the possibility of snow disruption. Our objective is to keep the school open on a site that is safe and adequately staffed. When we experience ice or snow, our first priority is to assess whether we can make the site safe enough for children and adults.

Although we keep up to date with forecasts and weather warnings, some snow and ice conditions can be quite localised.

If it is deemed necessary to in fact close the school, you will be notified by a text message. The closure will also be posted on our website.

If you do not currently receive text messages from the school then you will miss out on this notification. Therefore please contact the school office a.s.a.p in order for us to add your mobile number to our database.

The decision to close the school is never one that is taken lightly and we will do everything we can to stay open.

Leadership Structure and SEND Team

Just a reminder that your first point of contact should be your child's class teacher who are here to listen and deal with any concerns you may have. Our Assistant Headteachers are then available to support thereafter.

Mrs Randall for Years 5 & 6.

Miss Brosnan for Years 3 & 4. Plus, SEND for KS2.

Mrs Smith for Years 1 & 2. Plus, SEND for KS1 & EYFS.

Mr Wilson our EYFS Nursery & Reception classes after the class teachers.

Parent Support

We are thinking of setting up a parent buddy system. The purpose is two-fold. Firstly, we think it would be great to have a class representative from the parent body. This person would be available for other parents to talk to which could, in turn be fed back to school if required. Secondly, this person would act as a buddy for any new parents joining the school. A friendly face to see each day and ask those simple questions.

Please do not think this is an onerous task and by volunteering you are committing yourself to endless meetings. At this point in time, we see it simply as a named point of contact for each class. It could be that each class has two people if we get inundated with volunteers!

So if you are interested in this role, or would like more information about it, please see Mrs Smith or Miss Turner. We look forward to hearing from you.

30th January 2019

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
JANUARY 2019	
Thursday 31 st January 2019	Year 1 Science Workshop
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 7 th February 2019	Class 6R Parent Consultations 1:30-5:30pm
Monday 18 th -22 nd February 2019	Spring Half Term
MARCH	
Thursday 7 th March 2019	World Book Day – Children are welcome to dress up as a chosen character from a book on this day

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	
Throughout May 2019	
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
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



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We are a Nut Free School – Reminder for Home Packed Lunches

School Dinners

W/C 4th February 2019 = 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.

Packed Lunches

Due to an allergy within school please could we ask that you do not send your child in with egg sandwiches. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Key Stage 2 Healthy Snacks (Years 3 – 6)

Just a gentle reminder please that no crisps or chocolates are to be brought in for snack. Dried or fresh fruit is fine. Thank you.

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.

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.