



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"



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Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

Congratulations

We would like to announce the birth of Mrs Simpson's daughter, Anya. Both Mum and baby are doing well.

A Big Thank You

This year's Christmas Fair was a huge success and it was so nice to see so many of you there! We'd like to thank all of our extremely dedicated PTA, parent helpers and staff who volunteered both at the weekend and on the day. Thank you for all your tremendous donations, contributions and continued support.

Christmas Decoration Morning – Please use office entrance

In order to celebrate Christmas and spread some festive cheer, we will be holding a Christmas decoration morning on Friday 7th December. The children will make decorations in their classrooms during the morning between 9.15am - 10.15am. We would like to invite you to enjoy this alongside your children. If you have more than one child, you are welcome to split your time between the various classes. We hope to see you as many of you as possible.

Christmas Plays

All of our performance dates and times are in the table on the right hand side of this letter. Please note as in previous years **2 tickets will be issued per child per performance**. Please note **no extra tickets will be issued this year. Tickets have now been issued to the children.**

Please can we ask that pre-schoolers and any children/babies under Nursery age attend the performances highlighted in red. If they do become unsettled if you wouldn't mind stepping out please. To avoid the children being distracted as they have been practicing very hard. We hope you all enjoy the performances.

Please may we also remind parents/carers that any photographs or videos taken during the performances are for private viewing only and should not be shared on any social media sites. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Christmas Jumper Days – 14th & 19th December 2018

No donations will be required on the above dates. There will be a small collection at the end of each Christmas Performance in aid of a Children's Cancer Charity. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 19th December

Please see attached reminder letter about your child's Christmas lunch options. **Please order by Tuesday 11th December using the school gateway app.** Much appreciated.

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 5 th December 2018 Pre-Schoolers welcome	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal = 14:00
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Years 1W & 2SN Parents Christmas Play = 9:15
Friday 7th December 2018	Christmas Decoration Morning = 9:15 – 10:15am all years. Please use office entrance.
Friday 7 th December 2018	Years 1S & 2SH Parents Christmas Play = 14:00
Tuesday 11 th December 2018 Pre-Schoolers welcome	Nursery & Class RSS Christmas Play = 10:00
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Nursery & Class RD Christmas Play = 14:00
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5 children
Thursday 13 th December 2018 Pre-Schoolers welcome	Nursery & Class RD Christmas Play = 10:00
Thursday 13 th December 2018	Nursery & Class RSS Christmas Play = 14:00
Friday 14th December 2018	Christmas Jumper Day all years.
Monday 17 th December 2018 Pre-Schoolers welcome at 14:00	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performances = 14:00 & 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way
Tuesday 18 th December 2018 Pre-Schoolers welcome at 14:00	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performances = 14:00 & 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way
Tuesday 18th December 2018	Non Uniform for Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day & second Christmas Jumper Day.
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Non Uniform for Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 20th December 2018	Non Uniform for Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Thursday 20th December 2018	Non Uniform for Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
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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Reminder: Reverse Advent Calender

Thank you for all your generous donations so far. We are still collecting in classrooms up until Friday 14th December 2018.

Suggestions of items needed to go to People for People Charity in Stevenage:

Tinned food - potatoes, tomatoes, beans. (Please check use by dates)

Packet goods – pasta, noodles, stuffing. (Please check use by dates)

Toiletries – deodorant, soap, unwanted gift sets.

Toys and books – new.

Treats – selection boxes, sweets, biscuits.

All of your support will help make an incredible difference to many families who may be struggling this Christmas.

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 registration. Which is at **8:50am for KS2 and 8:55am for EYFS and KS1**.

Reception Admissions – September 2019

We are holding open afternoons from 1:30pm to 3:00pm on **-Wednesday 9th January 2019**

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.

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.

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 10th December 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.**