



NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

A Team GB Athlete amongst us



Miss Smyth (1S Class Teacher) has been successful in making it through the very tough trials for Team GB. She has been selected for the Great Britain Premier Women's Team representing the Nation in Pattaya, Thailand at the World Dragon Boat Championships this Summer. We are all very proud of Miss Smyth's achievement so far and wish her lots of luck in this amazing opportunity.

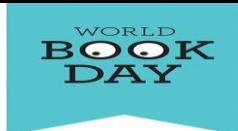
New Website launch – Thursday 7th March 2019

Follow this link:

www.lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk

We are very excited to announce that our fabulous new website is going live tomorrow! Which is mobile device friendly too. Please take a look for all the latest school related news, events and information. This will be updated regularly with dates, clubs, homework and much more. Your feedback is welcomed as always.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019



We're busy planning activities for the children to take part in on this day. These will include the Big Book Off Challenge and a Reading Relay with prizes up for grabs. Your child is welcome to come in dressed as their favourite character from a book of their choice on this day.

Book Donations – collecting for Charity

Mrs Munford has recently been involved with a charity called "Just Be a Child". The charity's aim is to create Library's using shipping containers. Their aim is to collect at least 10,000 books for each shipment. When everything is ready and stacked into a 40ft shipping container the new library begins its journey to Kenya.

Currently they are very short of books and wondered if any of our parents had any unwanted children's books that they would like to donate please. The children can even write a simple message if they would like to e.g. "Hope you enjoy reading this book" and their first name at the front of the book to send to the children in Kenya. If you would like further information about the charity, please have a look at their website. www.justbeachild.com

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2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
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
Tuesday 12th March 2019	Fire fighters visiting Early Years
Friday 15 th March 2019	Red Nose Day – Details to follow
Monday 25 th March 2019	Class 6S only Parent's Consultations 4:00-7:00pm.
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Early Parent's Consultations – times to follow
Thursday 28th March 2019	PTA Mother's Day Secret Room

Books can be dropped off at the school office at any time before Friday 15th March 2019.

Thank you very much in advance any help is most appreciated.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March 2019



To support Comic Relief this year we have decided to have a 'wear something red' day. In exchange for a £1 donation to this Charity. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PTA Spring Disco

A massive thank you to everyone that was involved with making the school discos last week a huge success. It was great to see the children enjoying themselves in their party outfits.

Year 6 Cake Sale

Another big thank you to our PTA, Year 6 teaching staff, children and Parents/Carers for their organisation and donations last week. The cakes looked yummy!

Year 6 Parents/Carers Meeting

Monday evening's meeting was well attended and very positive. Thank you to all those Year 6 Parents/Carers participation.

Popular Pancakes

We hope you all enjoyed Shrove Tuesday yesterday. The pancakes went down a storm here!



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Girls Football Cup QF

Last week the girls football team took on Bedwell in the quarter-finals of the cup. The heavens opened shortly before kick off, but nothing could dampen the spirits of the girls who put everything into the match. Despite taking the lead on two separate occasions, they just missed out on a semi-final spot, losing 4-2 to a great Bedwell team.

Great effort girls, you did Lodge Farm proud!

Parent Support..... An update

As you know, we are thinking of setting up a parent buddy system.

We have, as yet, not received many names. A BIG thank you to those Mums who have put their names forward. The vast majority of classes do not have a representative. This is a real shame, as we genuinely thought this would be a good idea.

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, please reconsider and 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.

Governor vacancies

Some of our Governors' Term of Office come to an end in a couple of months. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the role, please arrange a meeting with Miss Turner who will gladly fill you in on what it all entails.

We would be grateful for any volunteers, but would especially welcome people with either a financial background or a safeguarding background if possible.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please do take a minute to check online. It is very simple, just go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx> or you can call the school office who will be able to help you. You should complete a free school meal application even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This has no effect on your entitlement, but it could provide extra funding for our school. Not only will you be able to have a Free School Meal every day, it will enable us to claim the Pupil Premium Grant of £1320. Even if your child still wants to bring in a packed lunch, the school will receive the Pupil Premium grant of £1320.

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

APRIL	
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019	Reception Screening – School Nurse Team
Thursday 4 th April 2019	Late Parent's Consultations – times to follow (except class 6S)
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	
Year 2 SATS	
Monday 6 th May 2019	Mayday Holiday – School Closed
Friday 10 th May 2019	Year 6 only non-uniform day and cake sale for all year groups
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May 2019	KS2 SATS Week – <u>NO HOLIDAYS FOR YEAR 6 IN THIS WEEK PLEASE</u>
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	<u>Year 1 Phonics Screening Week</u>
Tuesday 11 th June – 6.30	<u>Marilyn Hawes – back by popular demand!</u>
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 11th March 2019 = Week 3 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.



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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.

Herts Catering Special Diet Application

If your child has any food allergies, it is vital that you please register at www.hcl.co.uk. This is extremely important, to ensure that Herts Catering are able to provide your child with an appropriate school dinner. Thank you.

Road Safety – Further complaints received

We strongly urge you to please be mindful when dropping off/picking up when in a vehicle. Regrettably, some of our local residents are having their driveways constantly blocked and being inconvenienced. Also, please note that the yellow zig-zag lines around the school should also be kept clear at all times.

A new crossing patrol warden has recently been appointed. This should also ensure that children cross the road sensibly. In the meantime, can all parents ensure that they see their children cross the road in a safe and responsible manner. All this information is paramount for the continued safety of everyone.

Job vacancies at The Nobel School

Attached to this newsletter is 2 job vacancies that are currently being advertised at Nobel. Should you or anyone you know be interested. Details of how to apply are at the bottom of the page along with deadline date.