

Newsletter 22ND September 2017

AUTUMN TERM			
SEPTEMBER			
Tuesday 26	Secondary School Open evenings	Marriotts 6-9pm	Heads talks at 6.15pm, 7.00pm & 7.45pm. Please see the schools own website for further details.
Thursday 28	Secondary School Open evenings	The Barclay 6-9pm	Heads talks at 6.15pm, 7.15pm & 8pm. Please see the schools own website for further details.
	Secondary School Open evenings	John Henry Newman RC 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Heads talks at 7.30pm
Friday 29th	Macmillan Coffee Event	School hall at 2pm	All parents, friends and family welcome. No set price - all donations welcome. All proceeds will go directly to MacMillan Cancer Support
OCTOBER			
Tuesday 3	Harvest Festival Service	9.30am St Mary's church	Parents/Carers are welcome to go to St Mary's Church for coffee after dropping the children off and before the service.
Wednesday 18	Parents Evening	Classroom from 3.20pm to 8.50pm	Book your appointment on http://astonstmaryschurchofengland.parentseveningsystem.co.uk The system will open on Monday 9th October at 6pm and will close on Tuesday 17th October at 6pm at 3pm.
Thursday 19	School Photographer	Individual photos	Details to follow about sibling photos
Friday 20	Non-uniform day		Non-uniform Day for the donation of a bottle of something for the Xmas Fete Bottle Tombola
	Half Term begins at 3.15pm		
Monday 30	Back to school		
Tuesday 31	Closing date for Secondary School applications		
NOVEMBER			
Monday 6	Online applications open		For September 2018 Under 11 Admissions
Tuesday 7	Happy Bag Collection	Collection will be at 11am	If you have any clothes that you would like to donate please leave them in a plastic bag under the bike shelter.
Friday 10	Remembrance	10.45am St	Parents/Carers are welcome to go to St Mary's Church

	Service	Mary's Church	for coffee after dropping the children off and before the service.
Saturday 11	Bingo	School hall 2pm-4pm	Details to follow
Friday 17	Non-uniform Day		Non-uniform Day for a donation of £1 for Children-in-Need.
Friday 24	Non-uniform Day		Non-uniform Day for the donation of something chocolate for the Xmas Fete Chocolate Tombola
Tuesday 28	School Nurse to visit Years Reception - Yr4		Nasal Immunisation Program against Flu
DECEMBER			
Friday 1	Christmas Decoration Day		Children may wear their Christmas jumpers or T-Shirts
Sunday 3	Christmas Fayre	School Hall from 12pm - 3pm	
Monday 4	School closed	Occasional day	
Friday 8	Christmas Tree Festival		Aston St Mary's Church. Information to follow
Friday 8	Football club		Last session before Christmas holidays
Monday 11	Multi Sports		Last session before Christmas holidays
Wednesday 13	School Christmas dinner		Children may wear their Christmas jumpers or T-Shirts
Thursday 14	Class Christmas Parties	Afternoon	A special visitor to visit the school Children may bring in a change of clothes
Monday 18	Christmas Church Service	9.45am and 1.45pm St Mary's Church	Parents/Carers are welcome to go to St Mary's Church for coffee after dropping the children off and before the service.
Tuesday 19	Christmas Film Afternoon	School Hall and Haffydown Classroom 1.15pm-3.15pm	2 different Christmas films will be shown. A goody bag with popcorn, Christmas chocolate and drink will be given at the interval. More details to follow.
	Christmas Holidays begin	1pm	

Dates and events are subject to change.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

Autumn Term

Tuesday, 5 September 2017 to Tuesday, 19 December 2017

Half Term Break - Monday, 23 October 2017 to Friday, 27 October 2017

Occasional Day - Monday, 4 December 2017 - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Spring Term

Wednesday, 3 January 2018 to Thursday, 29 March 2018

Half Term - Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 16 February 2018

Summer Term

Tuesday, 17 April 2018 to Friday, 20 July 2018

Bank Holiday - Monday, 7 May 2018 - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Half Term Break - Monday, 28 May 2018 to Friday, 1 June 2018

Inset Days - SCHOOL CLOSED

Inset days - Friday, 1 September 2017 and Monday, 4 September 2017

Inset day Monday, 16 April 2018

Inset Days - Monday, 23 July 2018 and Tuesday 24 July 2018

DINNER MONEY FEES (£2.40 per meal)

Please be advised that payments are due in advance. You can pay for meals online via the School Gateway or make cheques payable to Herts Catering Ltd (HCL). Cash payments are to be put in a clearly named, sealed envelope with the amount on the front. Receipts will be issued when being processed.

AUTUMN 1ST HALF TERM

5.09.17 to 20.10.17 inclusive

All week	(34 meals)	£81.60
Wednesday	(7 meals)	£16.80
Friday only	(7 meals)	£16.80
Wed & Fri	(14 meals)	£33.60

AUTUMN 2ND HALF TERM £2.40 per meal

30.10.17 to 19.12.16 inclusive

All week	(36 meals)	£86.40
Wednesday	(7 meals)	£16.80
Friday only	(7 meals)	£16.80
Wed & Fri	(14 meals)	£33.60

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the parents who attended Meet the Teacher. It is always good to see what your children will be learning this year and provides an opportunity to discuss your child.

Uniform

Unfortunately, there has been a decline in the school uniform and we need to raise the standards again. If wearing trousers or shorts, these must be the smart style, not sports shorts or casual trousers. Fleece are to be only worn when outside. PE kits must follow the school rules - red T-shirt (with school logo, if possible) and plain navy shorts. Plain navy joggers and sweatshirts may be worn in the colder weather when having PE outdoors. If hair is long enough it must be tied up. The only jewellery permitted are small plain stud earrings and watches. No nail varnish is to be worn in school. We will be monitoring this closely from Monday.

Moving On in 2018

Apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions for your child's Secondary School place. The deadline is Tuesday, 31st October 2017.

Macmillan Coffee Event - Friday 29th September

Unfortunately, everybody knows somebody who has been affected by Cancer. Macmillan Cancer Support are an amazing charity helping people out in times of need. We are delighted to be able to support this charity and ask you to join us to help raise lots of money to send directly to them.

Children - all children will be given a cake at break-time. Any donations will be accepted and will go directly to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. We are not requesting a set amount, but a suggested price of 50p per child. Thank you to Abbie in Danes class for suggesting this for the children and for helping to arrange the event for all of our children.

Adults - All parents, friends and family are invited to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday at 2pm in the school hall. Thank you to Sarah Cooper for arranging this. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for a nibble and a natter!

You can support our charity fundraising by sending in your cake donations and giving your child a donation to make towards the children's event on Friday morning. You can also help by attending the event next Friday afternoon.

Summer Journals

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the PTFA for providing them. The quality was very high. All of the children certainly had an exciting time over the holidays. It was lovely to see their photographs and writing and they provide a lovely memory for you all to keep. They will be returned very soon.

Aston St Mary's FUN Quiz Night

Please join us for the Aston St Mary's FUN Quiz Night. This adult only event will be held in the school hall on Friday 13th October at 7:30pm. Dennis Preston has kindly agreed to run this event again for us. All adults are invited to bring along their own snacks and drinks. Teams are for 6-8 people. If you do not have enough for a team we can arrange for you to be placed in a team on the night. Further details can be obtained on astonquiz@gmail.com We do hope you can join us, as previously it has provided good entertainment for all!

The Daily Mile

Children from Peartree upwards have been participating in the Daily Mile. It has been a pleasure to join them (and the staff), as they are getting moving and increasing their heart rate. Once they are back in class they are more alert and ready to learn.

Pet Blessing Service

The Pet Blessing Service is being held at St Mary's church Aston on Sunday 24th September at 11am. Bring your Pets (or cuddly toy animals) to be blessed. The service lasts 230 minutes with refreshments afterwards.

Trim Trail

Please do not let your child play on the trim trail before or after school. There are large signs requesting children do not play on them without adult supervision from the school. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Children and young people with additional needs - HAND News - The September edition now published - free online newsletter for parents, carers, professionals. Free courses for parents, free school lunches, Makaton

stories, inclusive activities for children. The newsletter can be found on the following link at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews

12.09.17 and 19.02.17



SHINING STARS were awarded to. Chloe N



MERITS were awarded to Poppy F, George S, Jessica R, Anouska, Danny b, Leyla, Jessica D, Juan, Lola Phoebe, Finley T, Ellie, Muctarr, Isla L, Astrid, Max H, Nathan, Finlay W and Harlee