

# Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Friday 13	Quiz Nite	7pm in School Hall	Further details can be obtained on <a href="mailto:astonquiz@gmail.com">astonquiz@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 18	Parents Evening	Classroom from 3.20pm to 8.50pm	Book your appointment on <a href="http://astonstmaryschurchofengland.parentseveningsystem.co.uk">http://astonstmaryschurchofengland.parentseveningsystem.co.uk</a> The system will open on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October at 6pm and will close on Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
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 Service	10.45am 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.
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
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

**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.

**Extra Socks** - Could you please put an extra pair of socks in your child's PE bag as we are finding the children's feet are getting wet during the Golden Mile and when they are on the field for PE.

**Moving On in 2018** - Apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for your child's Secondary School place. The deadline is Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

**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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:astonquiz@gmail.com) We do hope you can join us, as previously it has provided good entertainment for all!

**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](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews).

**The Macmillan Event** - Thank you to everyone that supported our Macmillan Coffee Event last Friday, by either donating cakes, attending the coffee afternoon or by giving their child money to purchase a cake at break time. A special thank you to Abbie and her friends for volunteering to sell cakes at break-time, so that the whole school could take part in this very worthwhile fundraising event. The total amount raised was an amazing £209.88.

£1 coins - Old £1 coins will not be currency after 15<sup>th</sup> October. Please when paying money to the school could you use the new £1 coins.

**26.09.17**



**SHINING STARS** were awarded to. Albert M, and Cameron C .



**MERITS** were awarded to Mia C, Reggie, Blake, Alyssa, Archie and Elizabeth, Oscar W, Ella and Chloe E