

Newsletter 8th September 2017

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

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.

DINNER MONEY FEES £2.40 per meal

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

Welcome

A warm welcome back to all pupils, parents, staff and governors to a new exciting year at our school. We would also like to extend a huge welcome to all our new pupils and their families. The new pupils have settled in very quickly and appear to be enjoying school. There is a buddy system in place, with the older children, who help them with their lunch and at playtimes. Parents have informed me it is lovely when they see their new friends out of school.

We would also like to welcome our new members of staff, Mrs Branagan and Mrs Davies. Mrs Branagan is our new Year 5/6 teacher and is a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Davies is our new learning support assistant for Peartree Class. We know you will all make them feel very welcome at Aston School.

Parking - REMINDER from The Governors - Parents are not to park or drive into the school car park to pick up and drop off children, this includes if you are running late or picking up from an after-school club. Please do not upset our neighbours by parking inconsiderately. If you have to drive, we recommend that wherever possible, you park in the village hall car park. It is just a short walk to school from there. Thank you for supporting us with this.

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.

Summer Journals

Many children have returned their Summer Journals to school. The staff have been blown away by how many have been returned and the quality of the information included in them. These were optional, but if your child still has it at home and has participated in this please ensure it is back in school next week. They will then be looked at and returned to the children by the end of next week. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the PTFA for providing them.

Meet the Teacher

As always we will be running a Meet the Teacher session after school. This will be held on Thursday 14th September, straight after you have collected your child from school. Please collect your child and then come through the main reception door into the hall. Please go into your child's class at 3:35pm. If you have more than one child the sessions will be repeated at 3:50pm. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet the teacher and find out about the learning your child will be doing this academic year. For parents with three children in school, please feel free to pop to see the other teacher at the end to find out what they will be doing this year.

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!

Daily Mile

The children will be participating in a daily mile or a short exercise each day, involving jogging or walking. Please ensure you children have their trainers in school at all times and have coat in school. The Daily Mile is an initiative that has a proven track record of providing many benefits to the children. 'It is a simple scheme that supports classroom learning and improves the children's confidence concentration and behaviour, but most importantly they love it...' (Daily Mile Flyer) Further details to follow.

Uniform

At Aston School we have high expectations for all, this includes uniform. Please ensure your child has the correct labelled uniform for school and PE, including shoes. The only jewellery allowed are watches and small earrings (as long as your child can take it out for PE or bring in tape to cover it). Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up or nail varnish.

Midday Supervisor

We have a vacancy starting after October half-term for somebody to cover lunchtimes for one hour three times a week. If this is something you may be interested in, please speak to Mrs Winwood or Mr Bower.