

Newsletter 9th March 2018

SPRING TERM 2018			
FEBRUARY			
Friday 9	PTFA Valentines Disco	School Hall	KS1 5.15pm - 6.15pm KS2 6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Half term begins	3.15pm	
Monday 19	Back to school		
MARCH			
Thursday 1	World Book Day		Details to follow
Friday 9	Mothering 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.
	PTFA Mother's Day Gift sale		Details to follow
	Quiz Night	7pm	In school hall. Teams of up to 8 people.
Sunday 11	Royal Albert Hall Gala	Choir attending	Final details to follow
Thursday 22	Parents Evening	Classroom 3.20pm to 8.50pm	Details to follow
Monday 26	Reward Day		
Monday 26	Last day of clubs and rising Stars		
Thursday 29	Easter 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.
	Easter egg decorating competition Egg rolling competition		The children need to decorate a HARD BOILED EGG at home and bring it into school with them on Friday morning and these will be judged in their classes. This is then followed by the egg rolling completion where the children roll their decorated eggs down a slope in the playground to see whose goes the furthest. (Top Tip: try not to stick too much on the eggs when decorating them as they don't roll very well!) Prizes are given to the most interestingly decorated egg and also the egg that goes the furthest. There are not many eggs that survive the egg rolling competition so they are disposed of at school.
	Easter Holidays begin	1pm	
SPRING TERM			
APRIL			

Tuesday 17	Back to school		
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Dates and events are subject to change.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

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.

DINNER MONEY FEES £2.40 per meal

SPRING 2018 2nd HALF TERM £2.40 per meal

19.02.18 to 29.04.18 inclusive

All week	(29 meals)	£69.60
Wednesday	(6 meals)	£14.40
Friday only	(5 meals)	£12.00
Wed & Fri	(11 meals)	£26.40

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school the morning of the absence before 9.30am informing the office of the reason. You may contact the school via the Gateway App leaving a message, email to admin2@astonmarys.herts.sch.uk or if you inform the school by phone you will need to come to the school office to complete a Reason For Absence Form when your child returns to school.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Inconsiderate parking and bad driving continues to cause us many problems. Inconsiderate parking and bad driving are concerned about the safety of our children, upsetting our neighbours and causing incidents of 'road rage'. If you must drive to school, please consider other road users.

PTFA HAPPY BAGS - £384.15 was raised. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the Happy Bag collection.

HOUSE POINTS

Rowling (Red)	160
Hawking (Green)	149
Churchill (Blue)	147
Seacole (Yellow)	105

Rowling team will be taken to the park on Monday 19th February as their reward. If your child is in Rowling House, please ensure they bring alternative footwear to school on Monday 19th February, as it may be muddy.

Thanks to Mr Sapstead for renovating our sign post

PTFA Update

We are delighted to say we have a new Chair and Vice-Chair for our PTFA. Azubuike Onita, is our new Chair and Julie McInemey is our new Vice-Chair. Karen Hipgrave has kindly agreed to remain as our Treasurer. Thank you to Azubuike, Julie and Karen for agreeing to lead our PTFA.

World Book Day - 1st March

Mrs Branagan has arranged an exciting day for your children to enjoy and celebrate reading and books, a letter was sent home earlier this week with details.

30.01.18 and 06.02.18



SHINING STARS were awarded to Cameron C, Sophie, Ella H, Muctarr and Jack M-B.



MERITS were awarded Lacey, Finlay W, Demi, Sebastian, Benji, Valentina, Max B, Rosie, Ashleigh, Astrid, Melissa, Albert, James, Isla C, Finley, Rhianna, Elizabeth, Reggie, Max H and Abbie.

A THOUGHT TO SHARE: “Love yourself for who you are and never change yourself. Be yourself...”
Eban, *Danes Class, Feb 2018*