

Newsletter 16th March 2018

SPRING TERM 2018			
MARCH			
Thursday 22	Parents Evening	Classroom 3.20pm to 8.50pm	Book your appointment on http://astonmaryschurchofengland.parentseveningsystem.co.uk The system will open on Wednesday 14th March at 6pm and will close on Wednesday 21st March at 3pm.
Monday 26	Reward Day		
Monday 26	Last day of clubs and rising Stars		
Tuesday 27	Easter breakfast		We will be celebrating our annual 'Easter Breakfast' in school, where the children enjoy eating hot cross buns, sing Easter songs and take part in an Easter bonnet parade. (Staff and children only)
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 competition 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	
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APRIL			
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Monday 16	Inset Day	School Closed	
Monday 16	Allocation Day for u11's	Middle and Primary Schools	
Tuesday 17	Happy Bag Collection	Collection will be at 9.00am	If you have any clothes that you would like to donate please leave them in a plastic bag under the bike shelter.
Monday 23	Clubs start this week		
Thursday 26	Fun Maths Evening for Parents	6.30pm in School Hall	Fun Maths Evening for Parents to support your child's learning

MAY			
Monday 7	School Closed	Bank Holiday	
Monday 14	Year 6 SATS	All week	
Tuesday 22	School Photographer		Class photographs
Thursday 24	Open Morning	10.30am - 11.30am	All welcome to come and see your children's work
Friday 25 tbc	Pentecost 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.
	Half term begins	3.15pm	
JUNE			
Monday 4	Back to school		
	Yr6 Cycling Course begins	All week School playground	Your child must have their own road worthy bike and a cycle helmet.
Monday 11	Danes Class K'NEX Challenge	Danes Class	
	Year 1 Phonics Testing week		
Wednesday 20	Danes Class Trip	Whipsnade Zoo	Visit to the Whipsnade Zoo. Pick up 5pm. Disposable packed lunch with no fizzy drinks or chocolate. Suitable waterproof jacket in case of adverse weather.
Friday 22	Whole School Sports Day	9.30am on the school playing field	All Parents and families are welcome to come and support.
tbc	Music concert		Details to follow
Wednesday 27	NSPCC to visit school	pm	Assembly to school
Thursday 28	Haffydown Class Trip	Harry Potter World	Visit to the Harry Potter World. Pick up between 4.30pm and 5pm traffic dependant. Disposable packed lunch with no fizzy drinks or chocolate. Suitable waterproof jacket in case of adverse weather
Friday 29	Whole School Sports Day - RESERVE DAY	9.30am on the school playing field	All Parents and families are welcome to come and support.
JULY			
Sunday 1	Aston Village Fete	12pm-3pm School Field	
tbc	Inter-village Sports day	Ridlins	Details to follow - children have not yet been selected.
Wednesday 4	Happy Bag Collection	Collection will be at 9.00am	If you have any clothes that you would like to donate please leave them in a plastic bag under the bike shelter.
Thursday 5	NSPCC	pm	Danes Class workshop

Monday 9	Summer concert Dress rehearsal	am	
Tuesday 10	Summer Concert	1.30pm School Hall 6pm School Hall	Information about tickets to follow. Please park in the village Hall carpark
Wednesday 11	Summer Concert	6pm School Hall	Information about tickets to follow Please park in the village Hall carpark.
Thursday 12	Change over day	am	Where children visit their new class/school.
Friday 13	Reward Day		
	Rising Stars last day		
Friday 20	Leavers Service	9.30am Aston 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.
	Summer Holidays start	School finishes 1pm	
SEPTEMBER			

Dates and events are subject to change.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

Spring Term

Wednesday, 3 January 2018 to Thursday, 29 March 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 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

HCL HAVE INFORMED US THAT THERE WILL BE A PRICE RISE FOR SCHOOL MEALS WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST APRIL 2018 FROM £2.40 TO £2.50 PER MEAL.

EASTER BREAKFAST

On Tuesday 27th March we (staff and children) will celebrate our annual 'Easter Breakfast' in school, where the children enjoy eating hot cross buns, sing Easter songs and take part in an Easter bonnet parade. If your child would like to take part in the parade, please create your Easter bonnet at home and bring it in on the morning of Tuesday 27th March.

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.

06.03.18 and 13.03.18



SHINING STARS were awarded to Finley T, Max vdB, Emma H, Abbie H, Molly and Freddie



MERITS were awarded Stanley, Alfie C, Alex, Clemmie, Jessica J, Darcey F, Vinnie, Jessica R, Lucas C, Summer, Jessica R and Lucas C

A THOUGHT TO SHARE: 'The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.'

Mahatma Gandhi