

Newsletter 29th March 2018

SUMMER TERM			
APRIL			
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		
	Swimming Lessons FIRST LESSON	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
Thursday 26	Fun Maths Evening for Parents	6.30pm in School Hall	Fun Maths Evening for Parents to support your child's learning
Monday 30	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
MAY			
Monday 7	School Closed	Bank Holiday	
Friday 11	Non-Uniform Day		All donation money will go towards buying new books for the school
Monday 14	Year 6 SATS	All week	
	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
Monday 21	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
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	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		
	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and

			tankini's are not allowed.
Monday 4	Yr6 Cycling Course begins	All week School playground	Your child must have their own road worthy bike and a cycle helmet.
Friday 8	Aston's Got Talent	5pm - 7pm in the School Hall	Entry forms have gone out in book bags. Please return your entry sheet to the School Office if you wish to enter as soon as possible. Ticket will be available shortly.
Monday 11	Danes Class K'NEX Challenge	Danes Class	
	NO SWIMMING LESSON WITH WEEK		
	Year 1 Phonics Testing week		
Friday 15	Non-Uniform Day		Donations for the Fete Prize Draw
Monday 18	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
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.
Monday 25	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
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	
Monday 2	Swimming Lessons	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
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

	Non -Uniform Day		
Friday 6	Orchard and Peartree Class Trip	Details to follow	
Monday 9	Summer concert Dress rehearsal	am	
	Swimming Lessons LAST LESSON	Year 4 and 5	Remember to bring a dark coloured swim costume/trunks with a swimming hat. Bikini's and tankini's are not allowed.
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/Non-uniform	Non-uniform	All donation money will go towards buying new books for the school. Children must be dressed so they can go on the bouncy castle.
	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

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

Please be advised that payments are due in advance. HCL have informed us that there will be a price rise as of 1st April 2018 by 10p per meal, the cost will now be £2.50.

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.

SUMMER 1ST HALF TERM

17.04.18 to 25.05.18 inclusive

All week	(29 meals)	£72.50
Wednesday	(6 meals)	£15.00
Friday only	(6 meals)	£15.00
Wed & Fri	(12 meals)	£30.00

SUMMER 2ND HALF TERM £2.50 per meal

04.06.18 to 20.07.18 inclusive

All week	(35 meals)	£87.50
Wednesday	(7 meals)	£17.50
Friday only	(7 meals)	£17.50
Wed & Fri	(14 meals)	£35.00

SUMMER TERM £2.50 per meal

17.04.18 to 20.07.18 inclusive

All week	(64 meals)	£160.00
Wednesday	(13 meals)	£32.50
Friday only	(13 meals)	£32.50
Wed & Fri	(26 meals)	£65.00

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.

NON-UNIFORM DONATIONS FOR NEW READING BOOKS

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards our new reading books project, £345.04 was collected. A special thank you must go to Alchemy Metals Group and Gold Star Taxis (01438 727277) for their kind donations to this project.

OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

Please take time to have a look at the wonderful things our children do in school and to keep you up-to-date on events in school. A big thank you to Leyla's mum and dad, Seran and Mark, for designing and maintaining our website with their company IceStar Media Ltd. If they can help you their contact number is: 01438 894 776.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent quiz night. We amazingly raised nearly £500 for the Governors' Fund. This money will be used towards the new toilets being fitted in Danes class.

Aston School Football Team

Well done to our football team. They are playing in the small schools' league and have won another two games - one against Benington (6-2) and against Datchworth (2-1). Congratulations to our school team and to our coach Mr Bower. I am getting concerned a premier league team might try and take Mr Bower away from us soon if this carries on.

HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TERM TIME

Last week, the Attendance Officer visited the school to discuss our pupils' attendance. Unfortunately, concerns are being raised regarding the number of parents taking their children out of school for holidays during term time. Please try to arrange any holidays during school holidays.

KS2 Swimming Questionnaires

Thank you to the parents who returned the completed questionnaires. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so asap.

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.

20.03.18 and 27.03.18



SHINING STARS were awarded to Natalie, Tabitha, Max A, Anouska and Kacie.



MERITS were awarded Harlee, Abbie, Jake A, Leyla, Ava, Anouska, George S, Poppy F, Isla C, Joshua, Harry C, Rhianna, Molly, Theo, Matthew F, Melissa, Blake, Lacey, Natalie, Alyssa, Amelia, Danny, Rafferty, Kacie, Tabitha, Lilly-Anne, Favian, Jack Cosham, Cassie, Valentina, Annabella, Dylan, Luca, Ella, Max W and Tallulah.

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