

Newsletter 4th May 2018

SUMMER TERM			
MAY			
Thursday 3	Netball Afterschool Club Starts		Children to be collected at 4.15pm
Friday 4	Athletics Afterschool Club starts		Children to be collected at 4.15pm
Monday 7	School Closed	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 10	Fun Maths Evening for Parents	6.30pm in School Hall	Fun Maths Evening for Parents to support your child's learning
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.
Friday 18	Royal Wedding Day		Children will be invited to come into school dressed for a wedding. However, please be aware the children will still be having their PE lessons that day.
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
	School Dinner		
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	Danes Class	

	K'NEX Challenge		
	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.
Tuesday 26	Music concert	6pm in the school Hall	
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

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

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 DAY

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday all donation money will go towards buying new books for the school
11th May

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.

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.

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.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

Hertfordshire County Show is being held on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May 2018 from 8.30am to 5.30pm at The Showground, Dunstable Road, Redbourn AL3 7PT. The school have been given complimentary child tickets for these days, if you planning in going to the show and would like some tickets please collect from the school office on a first come first served basis.

A YEAR

6 PUPIL'S WRITING ACKNOWLEDGED BY AN AUTHOR

We are very proud to share with you that Ashleigh Hudspith (Danes Class) has recently had some of her writing published online. Her work was inspired by a unit of work based upon an extract from 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens. We have recently purchased a new set of resources called 'Opening Doors to Quality Writing' by Bob Cox. These were recommended to us as a way of introducing children, from year 2 upwards, to classic literature. You can read Ashleigh's work at the following address:

<https://www.crownhouse.co.uk/featured/opening-doors-to-famous-poetry-and-prose-pupils-work> Well done Ashleigh

A FUN MATHS EVENING ON THE BAR MODELLING APPROACH FOR PARENTS

We are offering a chance for parents to attend a session delivered by our County Mathematics Advisor, Mrs Charlotte Harber on bar modelling.

The evening will help you to understand the approach used in school for your child's maths lessons. This will help you to support your child with homework.

The session will take place between 7pm and 8pm on Thursday 10th May 2018. It promises to be interesting and informative, with Charlotte sharing tips and ideas to a resource based approach to maths.

We will be offering wine and cheese from 6.30pm onwards.

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 18th May, we will be celebrating the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in school. Children will be invited to come into school dressed for a wedding. However, please be aware the children will still be having their PE lessons that day. Further details will follow nearer the time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS LALE

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Lale is expecting her second baby in October.

24.04.18 and 01.05.18



SHINING STARS were awarded to Aiden, Alfie, Amelia and Leon.



MERITS were awarded Hanna, Max B, Evie-Mae, Archie, Chloe, Isadora, Nyah, Jessica J, Tabitha, Clemmie, Connie, Eban, Nathaniel, Phoebe George, Ashleigh, Emma H, Belle, Alyssa, Benji and Cameron C.