

Newsletter 7th September 2018

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COMMENTS
AUTUMN TERM			
SEPTEMBER			
	Moving on 2018		Online application system opens via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
Tuesday 4	Back to school		Welcome Back
Monday 10	Rising Stars After school Club starts	After School	Pick up at 4.25pm
Tuesday 11	Secondary School Open evenings	The Nobel School 6-9pm	Heads talks at 6.15pm, 7pm & 7.45pm. Please see the schools own website
Thursday 13	Secondary School Open evenings	The Thomas Alleyne 6-9pm	Heads talks at 6.15pm, 7.00pm & 7.45pm. Please see the schools own website.
Friday 21	Football club starts YR1 - Yr6	After school	Pick up at 4.25pm
Thursday 20	Secondary School Open evenings	Barnwell 6-9pm	Heads talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Please see the schools own website
Tuesday 25	Secondary School Open evenings	Marriotts 6-9pm	Heads talks at 6.15pm, 7.00pm & 7.45pm. Please see the schools own website.
Thursday 27	Danes Class Visit	Leave school at 9.00am	Visit to the Natural History Museum London. Pick up between 4.30pm and 5pm. Disposable packed lunch with no fizzy drinks or chocolate. Suitable waterproof jacket in case of adverse weather.
	Secondary School Open evenings	John Henry Newman RC 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Heads talks at 7.30pm. Please see the schools own website.
Friday 28	Quiz Night	7.30pm start in school hall	The cost is £6 per adult, with teams being of 6-8 people. Tables can be booked on astonquiz@gmail.com We do hope you can join us, as previously it has provided good entertainment for all!

Dates and events are subject to change.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

Autumn Term

Tuesday, 4 September 2018 to Friday, 21 December 2018

Half Term Break - Monday, 29 October 2018 to Friday, 2 November 2018

Occasional Day - Monday, 26 November 2018 - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Spring Term

Tuesday, 8 January 2019 to Friday, 5 April 2019

Half Term - Monday, 18 February 2019 to Friday, 22 February 2019

Summer Term

Tuesday, 23 April 2019 to Friday, 19 July 2019

Bank Holiday - Monday, 6 May 2019 - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Half Term Break - Monday, 27 May 2019 to Friday, 31 May 2019

Inset Days - SCHOOL CLOSED

Inset day - Monday, 3 September 2018

Inset day - Monday, 7 January 2019

Inset Days - Monday, 22 July 2019 to Wednesday, 24 July 2019 inclusive

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. The cost per meal is £2.50.

04.09.18 to 26.10.18 inclusive

All week	(39 meals)	£97.50
Wednesday	(8 meals)	£20.00
Friday only	(8 meals)	£20.00
Wed & Fri	(16 meals)	£40.00

AUTUMN 2nd HALF TERM £2.50 per meal

05.11.18 to 21.12.18 inclusive

All week	(34 meals)	£85.00
Wednesday	(7 meals)	£17.50
Friday only	(7 meals)	£17.50
Wed & Fri	(14 meals)	£35.00

Our Value this half-term is: **FRIENDSHIP**

WELCOME

We would like to welcome back our pupils and their families to school and extend a warm welcome to all our new children, that have joined us this week. The children have looked so smart in their new uniforms and it has been a pleasure so see them skipping back into school. We have already held Meet the Teacher, so hopefully you have a good idea what your child/children will be learning this year. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to arrange to see your class teacher or make an appointment in the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A letter will be coming out to ensure everyone is clear about the expectations of our school uniform. Research shows behaviour and standards are higher when families and schools apply the school uniform rules, as it demonstrates the high standards of expectations to detail within a school. Please continue to support our school to ensure our standards remain exceptionally high.

ATTENDANCE

Excellent attendance equals excellent progress. Please support our school by ensuring your child comes into school every day possible and on time. Holidays taken in school time will not be authorised. Very, very rarely exceptional circumstances will be authorised. Unfortunately, families taking their children out of school for term time holidays, has a negative impact on our school. We are an outstanding school, with excellent attendance playing a major part in helping us to remain this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Some families are entitled to free school meals for their children, even if they are in KS1. It is important this is claimed if your child is entitled to this, as money is allocated to school. This money is used to support the teaching and learning of your child. On occasions the money can also be used in other areas of the curriculum or to help with costs of school trips etc. If you think your child could be entitled to this funding or your child is adopted, and you wish to discuss this further, please pop in to see either Mrs Winwood or Christine. The details of who receives this funding is kept highly confidential.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our new breakfast club has started. There are still spaces available, if you wish for your child to join in. Your child can be dropped off at the office from 8am to 8:45am. Places need to be booked and paid for in advance. Please see Christine for further details.

CLUBS

Rising Stars Multi Activity Club will start on Monday 10th September - flyers have gone into book bags this week.

Football Club will be starting on Friday 21st September - letters have gone in book bags this week. Details of other clubs starting will follow shortly.

FRENCH LESSONS

A new series of 6 French lessons with The Happy French Club, will be starting on Tuesday 11th September 2018 which may be of interest to you and your child.

There are now a very limited number of places available due to the popularity of previous classes. This is for the children in Key Stage 1.

The cost is £4.50 per lesson, payable in advance per half term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marie Kerstenne on 07989443159. Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT

We will be holding a quiz night (adults only) on Friday 28th September in the school hall, with a 7:30pm start.

The evening is always good fun, with people bringing along their own food and drink. The cost is £6 per adult, with teams being of 6-8 people. If you cannot make up a team, please just come along and we will add you to one of the teams. Tables can be booked on astonquiz@gmail.com We do hope you can join us, as previously it has provided good entertainment for all!

PTFA

As a parent you are automatically a member of our PTFA. The PTFA has raised significant funding over the last few years, allowing us to provide our pupils with the little extras (as well as supporting our brand-new heating project), which the main school budget could not afford. The PTFA also provide social events, helping our families to get to know each other and become friends outside school.

Within the next couple of weeks, we will be holding our AGM. Please look out for the date and attend if you can. There are many roles that need to be filled to ensure we continue to be supported by our brilliant PTFA. Hopefully, with new parents onboard, we will be able to continue raising these much needed funds for your children.

THOUGHT TO SHARE: *A friend is someone who cares about you...* (Jack - Y6 Danes Class)