

# Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COMMENTS
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Friday 16	Non-uniform Day		Non-uniform Day for any donation for Children-in-Need. Children are to come to school dressed as something beginning with the letter of their name for a contribution of any amount. All proceeds will go directly to Children in Need.
Friday 23	Non-uniform Day		Non-uniform Day for a donation of a chocolate for the Xmas Fayre
Saturday 24	PTFA Family Bingo	2pm - 4pm School Hall	Everyone welcome. Free entry. Refreshments available. Raffle - £2 a strip or £10 for 6 strips
Monday 26	School closed	Occasional day	
Friday 30	School Nurse to visit Years Reception - Yr4		Nasal Immunisation Programme against Flu - Reception to Year 5 children
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Sunday 2	Christmas Fayre	School Hall from 12pm - 3pm	Details to follow
Thursday 6	School Nurse	am	Year 6 Height and Weight check
Friday 14	Afterschool Clubs	Last Day	Last day for all clubs
Monday 17	Reward Day		Children will need PE kit in school.
Tuesday 18	Christmas Church Service	9.45am and 1.45pm at Church	Details to follow
Wednesday 19	School Christmas dinner		
Thursday 20	Class Christmas Parties	Afternoon	A special visitor to visit the school
Friday 21	<b>Christmas Holidays begin</b>	<b>1pm</b>	
	Christmas Film Afternoon	1pm - 3.15pm in School	Details to follow
DATE	EVENT	TIME	COMMENTS
<b>SPRING TERM</b>			
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Tuesday 8	<b>Back to School</b>		

**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

## **Our Value this half-term is: Thankfulness**

### **HAFFYDOWN CLASS**

We would like to welcome Miss Stacey to Aston St Mary's Primary School. Miss Stacey will be working with Haffydown Class until the end of term.

### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Children are to come to school dressed as something beginning with the letter of their name for a contribution of any amount. All proceeds will go directly to Children in Need.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

- Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and lots of work is already going on preparing for this. Thank you for your kind donations towards the bottle tombola today. We really will have an impressive bottle tombola this year.
- **URGENT HELP NEEDED FOR SETTING UP, DURING THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND CLEARING AWAY AFTERWARDS.** If you can help, please let a member of the PTFA committee know. Sarah Cooper is Chair and Rebecca Eddington is Chair of Christmas Fayre Committee. All help will be appreciated. Without these events, we would not have the money for the little extras our children enjoy.
- Raffle tickets will be coming home today with your children. Please sell as many as you can to your friends and families. The child selling the most tickets will receive a prize. More tickets are available at the office.

### **FAMILIES TAKING HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME**

Please be aware holidays will not be authorised when taken during term time. It is important children attend school every day if they are to make good progress. Our school face challenges from outside agencies when our attendance figures fall. Please support our school and your child's education by ensuring they are in school on time and every day they are fit and well.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

This is the second half-term for our trialling of our Breakfast Club. Unfortunately, if it is to continue we need to have more pupils attending. The sessions cost £4.00 a day. Children can be dropped off from 8am. Whilst at Breakfast Club the children select a breakfast and have activities arranged by the adults. We will be continuing with our Breakfast Club into the new year to try and make it a success.

### **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.

### **AUTUMN 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **ASTON St MARY'S FOREST SCHOOL**

Over the past four weeks Haffydown have been helping Mrs Skull to complete the curriculum part of her Forest School training and will have two more sessions after half term. Each week they eagerly get changed and have participated in many exciting activities including making clay faces on the trees, collecting and planting seeds from the trees in the school grounds, planting bluebells (kindly donated by Albert's mum) and snowdrops, learning about elder trees and using a 'pokey outey thing (tent peg) to hollow out the branches and then using them to make bug habitats and beads and yesterday doing some hapa zome leaf printing to name just a few of the fun activities! Over the coming weeks the Forest School Experience will be introduced to other classes too as they all seem very keen to take part! Watch this space!

We must say a massive thank you to Rhianna's mum and dad (Rhianna left in July to go to secondary school) for arranging for us to receive some trees from the Woodland Trust to plant in the school grounds as part of the Queens Commonwealth Canopy (<https://queenscommonwealthcanopy.org/>). Vicky Duxbury from the Woodland Trust visited us on Thursday afternoon to give us an assembly about trees and woodlands and how they benefit our lives in many ways. The children gave some amazing answers to her questions and asked some interesting ones too! On Friday we will be planting the trees in the school grounds and look forward to creating a little piece of woodland for the children to watch grow and to enjoy. We will receive two points towards our Bronze Certificate in the Woodland Trusts Green Tree Awards which means we almost have enough points to receive our certificate! <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

Look out for the Forest School link on our school web page, coming soon!

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

We would like to give a big thank you to Onita (Favian and Jayden's dad) for raising £260 towards our new book fund. Not far to go now to reach our target of £5000. The children are all enjoying reading the new books throughout the school. Thank you Onita!

## **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Non-uniform day raised £162.42. The donations will be going towards our buying books for the school.

## **EASYFUNDRAISING**

Please could you consider joining this little money earner for our school that costs you nothing at all!

When shopping online, go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first.

Choose a retailer and click through to their website.

The retailer gives you a donation for our school, at no extra cost.

Over half a million people are using easy fundraising and 2,700 retailers are on board including Tesco, Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, Debenhams, M&S just to name a few!

We have received £26.41 in donations, thank you to everyone who supports us through using easyfundraising.

## **PARKING PROBLEMS**

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

It has been recommended that we organise a walking bus from the Village Hall. If this is something you could help us with, please pop into school and have a word with Mrs Winwood.

## **SCHOOL SUMMER PERFORMANCE DVD**

Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies DVD's are for sale in the school office price £5.00.

## **WELL DONE TO OUR SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM!**

Today, our school football team were involved in a small schools' tournament. Mr Bower said he was very proud of them, not just because they reached the semi-final, but because of their fair play and excellent gamesmanship shown by all of our footballers.

**09.11.18**



**SHINING STARS** were awarded to Chloe E.



**MERITS** were awarded to Emma H, Paris, Juan, George S, summer, Betsy, Nathaniel, Sophie W, Benji, Poppy F, Joleon, Leyla, Stanley, Danny, Isabelle, Mika, Poppy-Belle, Theo, Cassie, Max H, Alfie T, and George C.

**THOUGHT TO SHARE: 'THANKFULNESS is being grateful and happy for what you have...' Jessica (Danes Class)**