



Aston St. Mary's Newsletter

Our value this half term is wisdom and understanding!

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6th September 2019

Diary Dates

Monday 9th Sept - Rising Stars start

Thursday 12th Sept at 3.30pm & 3.45pm - Meet the teacher

Monday 16th Sept- Clubs start this week

Tuesday 17th Sept - Danes go to Crucial Crew

Wednesday 25th Sept - Danes go to Duxford

Thursday 26th Sept at 9am - Buddy Welcome Assembly

Friday 27th Sept -

Non uniform date £1 donation for Xmas Fete Raffle prize

7pm Quiz night - in school

For further information see web site

Welcome back to our returning families and staff. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining us for the first time. I am sure everyone is making the new families feel welcome and are happy to help if anyone has any queries. It has already been a very busy start to our new academic year. The children have arrived at school, looking very smart and are excited about their new learning topics. It is always a pleasure to see our pupils after the summer break. They are the strength of our school and what make our school the special place it is. We would also like to welcome Miss O'Brien, as our new teacher of Orchard Class and Miss Pear, the new student teacher in Danes Class.

Please keep a look out for Parentmails.

Unfortunately, at the beginning of a school year there are always many messages that we need to distribute to you. One of our first messages, will be to appoint a new Chair of our brilliant PTFA. A special thank you must go to Sarah Cooper, who has worked tirelessly as our Chair and overseen many events to raise a lot of money for our school. However, due to her work and other commitments is unable to continue as Chair. Thank you to all of the PTFA for their hard work raising money to enable our children to have many wonderful resources and learning experiences in school. A date for the PTFA AGM will be distributed soon. Please try to come along and help our school. If you wish to discuss the position of Chair, please pop along and speak to Mrs Winwood or Mrs Branagan.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Autumn Term

Tuesday, 3 September 2019 to Friday, 20 December 2019

Half Term Break - Monday, 28 October 2019 to Friday, 1 November 2019

Occasional Day - Monday, 25 November 2019 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term

Tuesday, 7 January 2020 to Friday, 3 April 2020

Half Term - Monday, 17 February 2020 to Friday, 21 February 2020

Summer Term

Tuesday, 21 April 2020 to Friday, 17 July 2020

Bank Holiday - Monday, 4 May 2020 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term Break - Monday, 25 May 2020 to Friday, 29 May 2020



Shining Stars and merit certificates will begin to be given out as soon as they are earned.



Extra curriculum clubs will be beginning the week. Beginning 16th September. Look out for the letters and return asap, as places may be limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Breakfast Club continues to be available. For further details please speak to Christine in the office.

A Thought to Share:

'I know what understanding means; it means to listen and you know what it means. I am going to learn what wisdom is...' (Ellie, Haffydown Class)

Notices



Only One You Rock Display

We hope that you have noticed the lovely display of painted rocks next to the playground. The rocks were painted by all of the children (and adults too) on the class 'move up' day in July. We started the day with an assembly during which the book 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz was shared with the children. Children painted the rocks inspired by the pictures in the book. The wooden sign which forms part of the display displays important messages for us all to live by - these are also taken from the book. Our new Shackadell children will be painting their stones shortly and adding them to the display, as will any children who missed the opportunity in July.

Please make sure that your children, in particular younger children, do not touch the display - we wouldn't want it to be spoilt.

Punctuality and Attendance

We would like to remind all parents and carers, that it is important that your children attend school every day when they are well and arrive in time for registration. When pupils are late, they miss chunks of very important learning, including the introduction to lessons, guided reading or phonics/spelling activities. Please support our school by not arranging term time holidays. Term time holidays will have a negative impact on your children's learning and will not be authorised.



WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles should now be taken home daily, washed and refilled for the next day. We will make sure that there are a few cups available should your child forget their bottle.

Book Bags and Uniform



At the start of the new school year, we would like to remind you that the children should be using a school book bag for school – not a back pack as we have very limited cloakroom space and a school PE bag. We do not want our books spoilt. Also, a uniform reminder letter will be sent out next week to ensure everybody is aware of the uniform policy.

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Meet the Teacher

Next Thursday the 12th September, straight after school, we will be holding our annual, Meet the Teacher. This provides you with an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and see what they will be learning. Important things linked to your child's class will be shared, as well as things like the day-to-day running of the class. There will be two sessions, one at 3:30pm, which will be repeated at 3:45pm. Children will be invited to stay and play in the playground, where staff will be on hand to supervise them. We look forward to seeing you all there.

New Laptops and iPads

We are delighted to have been able to purchase new laptops and iPads and very grateful to the PTFA and the diocese for the funding which enabled us to purchase them. This new equipment will enhance learning for all our pupils - not only in their computing lessons but across the curriculum. We are very excited by the opportunities which will be offered by this improved technology.

AUTUMN TERM DINNER MONEY FEES £2.60 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.

AUTUMN 1ST HALF TERM: 3.09.19 to 25.10.19 inclusive

All week	(40 meals)	£104.00
Wednesday only	(8 meals)	£20.80
Friday only	(8 meals)	£20.80
Wednesday & Friday	(16 meals)	£41.60

AUTUMN 2nd HALF TERM: 04.11.19 to 20.12.19 inclusive

All week	(34 meals)	£88.40
Wednesday only	(7 meals)	£18.20
Friday only	(7 meals)	£18.20
Wednesday & Friday	(14 meals)	£36.40

AUTUMN TERM: 17.04.18 to 20.07.18 inclusive

All week	(74 meals)	£192.40
Wednesday only	(15 meals)	£39.00
Friday only	(15 meals)	£39.00
Wednesday & Friday	(30 meals)	£78.00

