

## NEWSLETTER

### Presentation Awards

All of the children across the school have tried really hard with their presentations this week. The work in their books is amazing! Well done to the following children who have received a Headteacher's Award for their presentation.

	Most Improved	Excellent
Rec Ash	Mara C	Augustin D
Rec Elm	Ada I	Lillie B
1 Holly	Daisy-Mae M	Andrei T
1 Beech	Max K	Ezra F
2 Birch	Mercedes B	Lila M
2 Maple	Kingston J	Nava A
3 Cedar	Cristan C	Ella-Louise R
3 Hazel	Luca M	Daria H
4 Cherry	Stephanie J	Kelly C
4 Willow	Ruby S	Oliver E
5 Chestnut	Rosie W	Andra P
5 Sycamore	Cassidie T	Tashemma J
6 Mulberry	Dylan R	Molly S
6 Hawthorn	Nathan H	Scarlett W
KS1 Base Yew	Aleem A	Benas K
KS2 Base Pine	Bolu O	Rihanna P

### Handwriting Week

Next week the children will practice their handwriting daily and there will be prizes for the

'Most Improved' and the 'Best' handwriting for each class.

### Building Update

We are full steam ahead for the new Nursery classroom to open on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> September. The new space is amazing and will help further improve our excellent provision in Early Years. The Music room will be finished in the next few weeks and will be a much improved space for learning and also doubling up as a community room.

### Aylmerton Residential - Last few reminders!

I can't believe we only have a week to go until we are off to Norfolk! You should have received a letter this week detailing the last few reminders. Please get a spare letter from the school office if your child did not bring one home.....

**Letters** - Please ensure you have written a letter to your child and handed this in to the office by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. We like to ensure all the children have a letter to open on the second evening and that they don't miss out on this experience. Please keep these upbeat and happy as the children will use these when writing back to you.

**Medicines** - If your child needs medication whilst they are away, please complete the form attached to your reminder letter and bring it to the school office along with the medication by Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Please see letter for other reminders

### Meet the Teacher - changes to last weeks dates

*Please note - the dates and times of the meetings that were published in the Newsletter last Friday (7<sup>th</sup> September) were not correct. The following is the correct information and dates.*

## Message to Year 5 Parents

Secondary transfer is now open to all children currently in year 6. As year 5 parents this is an opportunity for you to also go around to their open evenings to have a look at what they have on offer. Further information can be found on our carousel or on individual secondary school websites.

## Message for Parents in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

All children currently in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. Can parents please log on to [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) to register your child(ren) for this meal. If you do not have internet access a form came home with your child this week for you to complete and return to the office. Or you can use a laptop which will be available at the school office at the beginning and end of the school day. Any questions do not hesitate to talk to a member of the office team.

## FSM

*Are you entitled to any of the following benefits?*

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week

*If so you may qualify for Free School Meals. This means that the school will receive additional funding for your child. This year we will receive **£1,320 for each pupil** in additional funding for each pupil who qualifies for free school meals. If you are able to register and qualify for free school*

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out how we teach reading, writing and maths in school. You will find out about the reading books your child will bring home and when they are able to change them. The teacher will inform you about how the learning is organised within your child's class and about the work the children are going to study this half term.

The class teacher will also explain our homework expectations and how it will be organised. You will also be able to find out how best you can support your child with their learning at home.

Please come to the main reception and sign in as all meetings will be held in the hall.

All meetings will take place in the school hall from 2.30 to 2.55pm with the exception of morning Nursery, see the timetable below for each year group.

Day / Date	11.30am	2.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September		Year 6
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September		Year 4
Thursday 20 <sup>st</sup> September		Year 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September		Year 5
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September		Year R (Ash/Elm)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September		Year 3
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September		Year 1
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year N (Oak AM)	Year N (Oak PM)

## Year 6 - Secondary Transfer

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2019. The online system is now open, the closing date for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents should apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer at school. If you would like any help please talk to the office staff. The Moving-On booklet sent out recently will inform you of the dates for open evenings at the secondary schools and how to apply. If you would like another copy please contact the office.

meals before the end of September 2018 your child will receive a £10 book voucher.

If you are in reception, year 1 or year 2 your child may be getting Universal Free School Meals but will still need to apply.

Anyone who has already applied for and is already in receipt of free school meals for September 2018 will also qualify.

## Headlice

**Headlice:** - We have had several cases of headlice reported in school this term. Can I please remind you that it is vitally important to check your child's hair regularly. If your child has headlice then it is important to; not only treat their hair, but also everyone else in the immediate family. The best method of controlling and eradicating headlice is to apply conditioner to your child's hair and comb with a special headlice comb. These are available cheaply from local chemists or the school office for a £1.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Monday this week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-Ash, R-Elm, 1-Holly and 2-Birch with 100% attendance and in KS2 5-Sycamore with 99.3%... WELL DONE.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
2 Maple	100	100
Reception Ash	100	99
2 Birch	100	96
1 Holly	100	96
Reception Elm	100	93
1 Beech	100	92

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
3 Cedar	100	100
6 Mulberry	100	100
4 Cherry	100	99
5 Chestnut	100	99
5 Sycamore	100	99
6 Hawthorn	100	97
3 Hazel	100	96
4 Willow	100	96

## Parking - Reminder

Whilst the vast majority of parents park considerately at school drop off and pick up times I have received complaints from our neighbours in Winstre Road about parents parking over driveways. Reports of abusive and threatening behaviour will be passed on to the police with registration details. This is clearly behaviour we do not want around our children. I appreciate that there is limited space around the school and request that you park considerately.

## School Meal Charges for the Autumn Term

Cost Per Day for Nursery	£2.40
<b>Cost for Junior Children</b>	
Per Day	£2.50
Per Week	£12.50
First Half of the Autumn Term (39 days)	£97.50
Second Half of the Autumn Term (35 days)	£87.50
Whole of the Autumn Term (74 days)	£185.00
Funday Friday Whole Term	£37.50

## Class Assemblies

Date	9.15am Start	9.45am Start
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	3 - Cedar	1 - Beech
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	4 - Cherry	2 - Birch
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	5 - Chestnut	Rec - Ash & Rec - Elm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	6 - Mulberry	2-Maple
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	3 - Hazel	1 - Holly

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	4 - Willow	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	5 - Sycamore	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	6 - Hawthorn	

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Children finish at 1.15pm
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<b>Summer Term Dates 2019</b>	
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Children back
Fridays from 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 6 Swimming
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half-Term
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photographer
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	New Parents Meeting Nursery - 6pm Reception - 7pm
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week (Year 1&2)
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE Weeks
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FSU Sports Day (am)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 1 to 6 sports Day (all day)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	No Swimming for Year 6
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Non School Uniform donations for the Summer Fair
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Residential School Journey parent Meeting
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Club
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Year 6 Performance - Dress Rehearsal
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm Year 6 Performance
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6-7pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Presentation evening 5-7pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children finish at 1.15pm

### **Autumn Term Dates 2018**

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Clubs Start
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Meet the Teacher Week
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Meet the Teacher Week
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 5/6 School Journey to Aylmerton
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Half-Term
W/C Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Fair
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Consultation Appointments 1.10pm to 8pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	e-Safety evening
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non School Uniform donations for the Christmas Fair
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Club
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am - Nursery/Reception Performance
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm - KS1 Performance
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45pm Nursery/Reception Performance
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm - KS1 Performance
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.15pm - Carol Concert
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Children finish at 1.15pm

### **Spring Term Dates 2019**

Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back
Fridays from 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 5 Swimming
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Clubs Start
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New Year Disco 3pm to 7.30pm (class times TBC)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half-Term
W/C 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultation Appointments 1.10pm to 8pm
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science week
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Evening
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last Club
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Cowley's Got Talent

### **Term Dates for 2018/19**

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2018**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Half-Term Week - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday  
2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### **SPRING TERM 2019**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Half-Term Week - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February

#### **SUMMER TERM 2019**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Half-Term Week - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
No School - 24<sup>th</sup> June

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**Headteacher**