



Mary Exton News



Autumn Term Newsletter 4

5th November 2018

Dear All,

We hope that you enjoyed your break and are ready to go again with very busy half term ahead of us. We have included reminders from our last newsletter below, as well as a list of events where you may like to join us.

Upcoming school dates which you may like to join us

- **Tuesday 6th November** - 2019/2020 Reception Admissions tour 9.15am
- **Tuesday 6th November** - Year 2 Parent Teacher Consultation afternoon/evening
- **Wednesday 14th November** - Parent Information Evening – Writing & Grammar
- **Thursday 15th & Friday 16th November** Writing morning – Parent & Child sessions (9.00-10.15am)
- **Tuesday 27th November** - Christmas Decorations Day
- **Tuesday 4th December** - 2019/2020 Reception Admissions tour (2.00pm)
- **Friday 7th December** - KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal (morning)
- **Tuesday 11th December** - KS1 Christmas Performance (evening)
- **Wednesday 12th December** - KS1 Christmas Performance (afternoon)
- **Tuesday 18th December** - Reception Nativity (morning)

Twitter

As mentioned before half term, we now have our Twitter account up and running! Please do request to join us @exton_mary and follow our updates. It is a closed account so that only those associated with the school are able to join. As we appreciate twitter account names can often not be easily decipherable, so if your user name is not particularly recognisable, please send a request and then email office@maryexton.herts.sch.uk FAO Mr Woolston.

Poppies

We will be holding our Remembrance Service on Monday 12th November. We do have poppies for sale in school and ask for a minimum donation of 20p to purchase a poppy. They will be available from Monday 5th November.

Year 5 Residential Meeting

The residential meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th November in the Year 5 classroom at the end of the school day. If you have not as yet returned your medical forms, please can you ensure they are back in school before the 6th November. Thank you.

Hitchin's Christmas Shoebox Project

The Rev Andrew Henton-Pusey came to visit us and led an assembly just before half-term about the shoebox appeal. He will be coming to pick up our shoeboxes on Friday 9th November, so if you have assembled one or plan to do so please make sure they are back in school for Friday morning so he can collect them.

Film Week

Please remember that this week and next is Film Week and there is an opportunity for the children to dress up as their favourite film character on Thursday 8th November. These do not need to be expensive outfits at all. KS2 will be going to the cinema on Friday 9th November.

Writing Workshops

Please remember our evening Writing and Grammar workshop which is being held on the 14th November for all parents. This will be followed up with two morning workshops being held in school on the Thursday and Friday mornings for you to come along to one of the sessions to work alongside your children to see the curriculum in practise. If you would like to sign up to the workshops, please could you email office@maryexton.herts.sch.uk . We look forward to seeing you all!

Staff Briefing

As a reminder, we have Staff Briefing on a Monday morning between 8:30-8:45am. The briefings allow all staff to receive weekly updates in a timely manner. During this time the School Office will not be manned. Please ensure that you are utilising the office post-box in the main entrance, or alternatively, a member of staff will be back in the office by 8:45am.

Tennis Club

As you may be aware, Tennis Club runs on a Tuesday lunch time for children in Years 2 to 6. This club is run by the Hitchin Boys' School www.uplaysports.co.uk organisation and would require payment. We would like to encourage more pupils to join this club if possible, as numbers have dwindled a bit. Don't worry if your child does not have their own racket, as these can be provided. If you would like your child to join the Tennis Club or would like some additional information, please contact Sophia List, Office Administrator, on email office@uplaysports.co.uk or telephone 07932 246309.

Upcoming PTA Dates for the Diary

We will be holding the next PTA meeting on **Wednesday 7th November at 3:30pm in the Year 2 classroom**. Please come along if you are able to, and the children can be supervised in Year 1. Further details about the events will follow shortly.

- Film night - 16th November
- Adult Quiz night – 23rd November
- Non uniform day – Christmas raffle prizes – 23rd November
- Xmas Event – 7th December
- Xmas Film Night – 14th December
- Christmas Jumper Day – 19th December
- Adult Disco at Hitchin Football Club – 2nd February

Easyfundraising

As we approach the time of year where there is a great deal of online shopping taking place, please think of us and help Mary Exton raise free funds today by shopping online via www.easyfundraising.org.uk . Different retailers donate a different percentage, and so far we have raised over £500 by using Easyfundraising. It's simple to use and doesn't cost you a penny! Please use the link below.



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