



Reasons to Celebrate

Join us every Friday from 2.45pm for Celebration Assembly – all parents (and relatives) welcome!!

Headteacher's Award

Grace Connor Jessie

Hormead Heroes

Love: **Respect:** **Kindness:** Arthur;
Peace: Gracie D; **Co-operation:** Sadie;
Honesty: Phoebe;
Aspire: Fred, Lydia B, Etta, Aiden, Oliver, Louie;

House Points:



Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

House points to be started this term

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED

Firstly, we would like to thank you for all your support during our OFSTED inspection and for completing the parent surveys. We will inform you as soon as the report is available.

eSafety

The children will be learning about esafety next week. Please see our website for information and guidelines on keeping your children safe online:

<http://www.hormead.herts.sch.uk/website/esafety/208470>

It is very important that we give the children the same messages regarding staying safe so please do take a look.

School Council

The children have elected 10 school councillors (Tommy, Nella, India, Felix, Freya, Ayoub, India, Alice, Cameron, Arthur and Lydia). The school council met and considered what they like about lunchtimes and how they would like to improve them. We will be ordering some new equipment for the children to play with at lunchtimes.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Amy Myers and Mrs Victoria Moore

Nursery Applications for September 2019 start is now open – Deadline for applications 1st March 2019.

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From the Office – School Office opening hours – 8.45am to 2.30pm Every Day

After School Clubs – Payment requests for the 1st and 2nd Half of the Spring term are live on the School Gateway. Please could we ask for payment by Thursday 14th February 2019. Thank you. (Clubs should be paid for in advance).

School Dinners – Spring Term 2018

Please note that the cost of school dinners is **£2.40 daily for Nursery and Oak Class.** This can be paid via the School Gateway.

Please can we ask for all money owing for dinners that your child/children has taken this half term, to be cleared by 15th February 2019. This balance is available on the School Gateway. If you have any questions then please contact the office.

Long Hair: Please can you ensure that long hair is fully tied back, not partially. This is due to health and safety in school. In addition, Head lice will find it is easier to transfer from head to head if the hair is loose.

Head Lice

There has been a further case of head lice reported to us this week. Please could you check your children's hair regularly. If detected, please treat before returning to school, your local chemist will be able to recommend the latest shampoo. Thank you.

Cold Weather: As the weather is turning a lot colder and wetter, please ensure your child/children wear **suitable coat, hats and gloves.**

Please make sure everything is NAMED! **They will also need a warm tracksuit for PE, (black or navy blue joggers and sweatshirt, not their school jumper, no hoods or logos please) – PE lessons will be outside!**



Nuts: Please make sure your children do not bring food containing nuts or Sesame into school, due to some children having allergies.

Absence Procedure – a reminder!

For **planned** absence, please complete a Leave of Absence form (available from the office). This should be returned to school no less than 2 weeks before the planned absence.

For **unplanned absence** (illness etc.), please ensure you have called the school office by 9.30am to let us know. You should call the school office on each day that your child is absent, unless asked otherwise. Please do not assume that we know where your child is. This should always be followed by a written explanation on their return. You can also use the School Gateway App to provide an explanation. If medical evidence is available, please also provide this. For children with attendance below 95%, our policy is to have written confirmation in order to authorize.

Diary Dates

*New dates are in **bold**.*

February 2019	
Thursday 14 th	Willow Class – Mexico Day
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd	HALF TERM – School closed
March 2019	
Friday 1 st	Deadline for Nursery (School) Applications
Wednesday 13 th	Parents/Carers Consultation Evening – Booking via the school website will go live on 25 th February
Thursday 21 st – 28 th	Book Fair in school
April 2019	
Friday 5 th	End of term – School closes at 2pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Pupils in school

TERM DATES FOR SPRING 2019:

4th January – 5th April

Inset Day: 4th Jan (School Closed)

Half term: 18th Feb – 22nd Feb

TERM DATES FOR SUMMER 2019:

23rd April – 19th July

Half Term: 27th May – 31st May

Inset Day: 3rd June

Please note, we close at 2pm on the LAST day of the FULL term: 21st December, 5th April and 19th July

Herts County Council School Closure Notification System - Parent Registration

When the school needs to be closed, you will receive an email/text message/phone message from the system informing you of the school closure. This is a FREE service.

Please follow the link to register: [Sign up to school closure notifications](#)

Click on the 'sign up' button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address.

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if you wish to—this means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you could include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent in your registration process. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

Once signed up you will receive messages relating to the status of your child's school.

Snow

The only time we would consider closing would be if we did not have enough staff able to get to school to allow us to function safely.

We will let you know as soon as we can, usually by 8am. You can get information from:

- Text message - a message will be sent to 'contact number 1' person for your child (if you have the eSchools App, it will come to that first)
- Email message through STARZ
- Message from the new school closure notification system.
- Message on the school website - www.horthead.herts.sch.uk
- Messages on local radio: BBC 3 Counties Radio 95.5 FM

PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL. Please use all the other methods first. If you phone the school the lines will become engaged and staff will not be able to get through to let us know if they can get in. If you do not receive a message from us and there is no message on our website/Facebook page, we are open.

All children need a change of shoes/wellies and a hat, coat and gloves if it snows.

On really snowy mornings if we are open, the registers will stay open until 10am to allow more time for you to travel here safely.

Thank you.