



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

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### Reasons to Celebrate

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

### Headteacher's Award

Brooke	Chloe
Salvo	Penny
Jack	Frankie

### Hormead Heroes

**Love:** Tommy; **Respect:** Bella, Cameron, Chloe, Joshua B, Tippi, Owen L, James, Jack; **Kindness:** Oli, Finn M, Daisy, Aiden, Isla; **Co-operation:** Jaydn; **Peace:** Emilie, Tommy, Molly, Carmello, Alfie; **Honesty:** Darcey L, Emilie; **Aspire:** Chloe, Arthur, Molly, Oscar, Sadie, Damore, Freya, Layla, Ella, Dora, Lydia B

### House Points:



Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

Well done to Ruby for last term's successes!

## From the Headteacher

### Focus value: **Aspire**

The children have been exploring what it means to show our value of Aspire this term. The children have considered their goals and stories to help them think about how to achieve them.

### Pedal the Pond

We held some fundraising activities at the end of term towards our Non-Fiction library and the charity 'Pedal the Pond'. The son of one of our governors is pedalling across the Atlantic Ocean (3000+ miles) on a (hi-tech) pedalo with three other friends to raise awareness and money for the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust. We have been following their journey in assemblies and will update the children each week.

### Nursery Applications for September 2018

The application period for Nursery children is now open. Please use the form on our website to apply. If you would like to arrange a visit, contact the office and we'd be happy to show you round!

### NSPCC and Staying Safe

We're really looking forward to our NSPCC assembly on Wednesday. It will really help the children learn about keeping themselves safe!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*



# After School Clubs – Spring Term 2018

We offer childcare until 5pm every day.  
£5.50 per day for the full session (3.15- 5pm,  
including a snack!).

**Activity Clubs** Please complete a booking form if  
your child would like to attend any of the clubs. £2.50  
per session (3.15 – 4.15pm).

**Please note** – bookings are for the **whole term**,  
charged in half termly amounts. Changes mid-term  
remain liable for the full term charges due to expenses  
already incurred by the school in providing your child's  
place.

## Activity Sessions Spring Term 2018:

**Monday** – Football (Full)  
Reading (Spaces)

**Tuesday** – Dance (Full)

**Wednesday** – Outdoor Club

**Thursday** – Cooking (Full)

**Friday** – Board Games & Free  
Play

Spaces = a few spaces remain

Full = a waiting list is in operation

## Diary Dates

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

### January 2018

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Y4 Trip to Houses of Parliament

### February 2018

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Table Tennis WOW Day!

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Oak Class Dance Festival (@ Freman)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Pancake Races  
End of Half Term (Collection at 3.15pm)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM HOLIDAY – School closed**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> School reopens at 8.45am

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> E-Safety Focus Week

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nursery Applications CLOSING DATE

### March 2018

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day DRESS UP DAY**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Willow Class Tag Rugby Festival (@ St Edmunds)

**Parent Consultations (3.30-6.30pm)**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm Kingswood Information Meeting for Oak Class**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oak Class K'Nex Challenge Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oak Class Tag Rugby Festival

**Parent Consultations (3.30-6.30pm)**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Travelling Book Fair**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term (School Closes at 2pm)**

# From the Office

## School Meals

Please ensure you pay for School Meals in advance – the deadline for half termly payments has passed. **Any outstanding debt should be paid immediately, unless you have made alternative arrangements with the school.** Weekly payments should be made every Monday. Thank you for ensuring we are not in arrears with our catering company.

### School Meal Prices 2017

Daily cost	£2.30	Weekly Cost	£11.50	Spring 1st Half Term	£64.40
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### After School Club – Remaining balance required by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you to those who have paid their invoices. If you have not had chance yet, payment for first half term is now **overdue**. Bookings of places at clubs are for the full term, with payment taken in half termly instalments (or monthly at parent's request). Cancellation requires ½ term notice – e.g. cancellations received now apply from next half term. Please speak with Mrs Tompkins if you need clarification.

### Free School Meals - Please Apply – even if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2!

The Government use Free School Meal numbers to allocate additional funding for schools – this is called the Pupil Premium Grant. It is worth an additional £1300 per qualifying pupil in school – money we use to purchase resources and specialist support. There is a link on our website to apply for Free School Meals – **please apply – even if you think you will not qualify and even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.** It is an entitlement, not a benefit.

## Stay and Play

Every Wednesday morning from 8.45am to 10.30am the YMCA come in to the school hall and set it up for children under the age of 5 to a 'Stay and Play session'. It gives parents a chance to meet other people with children similar age. Do come and join them!

## Turning your vehicle outside school

The road outside school is very busy, particularly in the mornings. Please be considerate of other road users when turning your vehicle round – there are places further down the road where it would be safer/easier rather than outside school. We have continued to receive complaints from members of the public. Please keep our children and yourselves safe!

It has also been noticed that a number of parents drop off on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school. Between 8am and 5pm every weekday these are a no stopping zone and must be kept clear. Please do not drop off here – it isn't safe and causes significant inconvenience to other road users. Thank you for your support!

# From the Classes

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*Ash Class*

The children have been really enjoying our Superheroes theme; they've been saving the day in our Superhero Headquarters, designing masks and engaging with lots of Superhero stories. This week, the children have to find out which member of staff is an undercover Superhero!



*Willow Class*

Willow class have been continuing our topic on an Island Home and have been enjoying reading all about Katie Morag. We have started looking at the geography of the fictional Isle of Struay in Scotland, where the books are set, as well as the real Isle of Coll, on which they are based. We are also continuing to learn about the weather and seasons in science, and are looking forward to checking our rain gauges to see how much rain has fallen this week!



*Oak Class*

The children have been exploring STARZ and what it has to offer. This week they have begun to use the messaging and blog tools. We will be using these tools to share learning about our topic work later this term.

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*Reminder about earrings – following the six week period for them to settle in, earrings should be removed for PE lessons.*

## **Wanted.**

Please could you bring in to school any buttons, bottle tops or kitchen/wrapping paper tubes, (not toilet roll tubes). Ash class would like them for their making box. Thank you.

## **School Family Worker**

Jane House, the school family worker offers parent support within the school community. She is able to help you if you are in need of parenting advice, listen to any concerns you may have, put you in touch with support groups, provide the link between home and school and sign post you to parenting classes, all in confidence.

She works term time only and can be contacted on 01763 271446  
or [jane.house@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jane.house@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

## 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. 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.

## EasyFundraising

**Do your online shopping through:**

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hormeadschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hormeadschool)

Raise money for our school and do your shopping at the same time – at no extra cost to you!

## Golden Ticket

Join your child for lunch on Fridays! 5 tickets available each Friday for lunch – just £3.20 each.

Call in at the office or ring to order one.

Tel. 01763 289201

# 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:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

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.hormead.herts.sch.uk](http://www.hormead.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.



**Hormead CE (VA)**  
**First & Nursery School**



## Looking for a nursery place for your child?

Set in spacious, well-resourced grounds, less than 2 miles from Buntingford, our delightful village school provides an excellent environment for children aged 3-9 to learn and develop.

**"Writing is a significant strength in all age groups"**

*Ofsted 2015*

**"In the early years, every child makes good progress, none are left behind."**

*Ofsted 2015*



**Every day is an open day – ring the office on 01763 289201 to arrange a visit.**

Applications are being taken now for September.  
Please apply by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

**We offer morning and full day places.**

Great Hormead, nr Buntingford, SG9 0NR

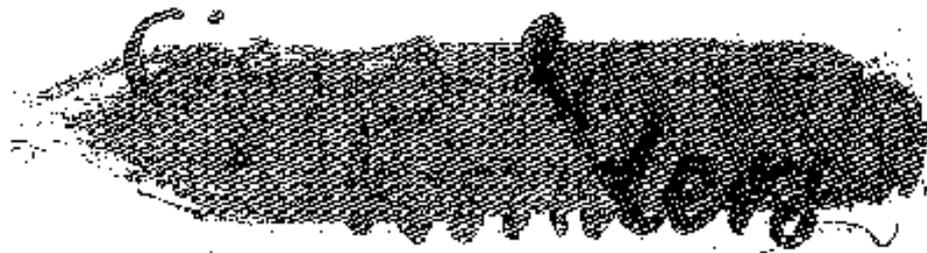
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