



Monday 23rd April 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

Callie	Arthur Mo
Charlie	Bella
Jessie	

Hormead Heroes

Love: Freya, Abi, Darcy L, Oli; **Respect:** Darcey R, Dora, Sammy, Evie, Arthur Ma, Archie, Katie; **Co-operation:** Frankie, Cici; **Peace:** Olivia, Finn M; **Honesty:** George, Finn L; **Aspire:** Salvo, Alice, Aiden, Lily, Damore, Cici, Daisy

Congratulations to Oli who has now achieved a nomination for all 7 school values! A super Hormead Hero!

House Points:



Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

Well done to:

Darcey (Oak) and India (Willow) for their swimming achievements and Cameron (Willow) for his football team win!

From the Headteacher

“Peace begins with a smile.” – Mother Teresa

Welcome back! It's lovely to return after a break and see the excitement of new topics, new opportunities – and new weather! It has been warm. Remember to be sensible – hats, sun cream, and water bottles please! We also have a new theme for our Collective Worship – Peace. Our value of the half term.

Future of Hormead – Pupil experiences and Qualities

Thank you to those who contributed to our 'Pupil' at the consultations. We are also compiling those of the pupils, staff and governors to create a vision for what we aspire to for our pupils. I will share this with you as soon as I'm able to.

New Teacher - update

We have had a lot of positive interest in the position for September, so Governors and I will be meeting candidates for interview upon our return from Kingswood. I will share with parents the outcome as soon as I can.

Collective Worship

We are looking forward to welcoming Revd Paddy Cable to our Thursdays, standing in while the Parish find Revd Kate's successor. He had been to help us out previously, and is well known and liked by the children. We're looking forward to his stories and tales!

Lost Property

There is a literal MOUNTAIN of UNAMED lost property in the main entrance. Please come and have a look. Anything still there by the end of the month will be put towards a second hand uniform sale later this term! Remember to NAME your child's clothes please – all the jumpers look the same!!!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*



After School Clubs – Summer 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 Summer Term 2018:

Monday – Football (Full)
Reading
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**.*

April 2018

Wednesday 25 th to Friday 27 th	Kingswood Residential – Oak class
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Monday 30th	Final Payment for Kingswood Residential DUE
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May 2018

Friday 4th	Trampoline Experience Morning – Whole School
	School Meal & After School Club Termly Payments DUE

Monday 7 th	Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed
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Tuesday 8th	Willow Class – Athletics Festival at St Edmunds (AM)
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Monday 28 th – 1 st June	Half Term – School Closed
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June 2018

Friday 8th	Class Photos – nice smiles please!
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Monday 11th	Annual Hormead Y4 Science Competition (here)
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Monday 25th – Tuesday 26th	Life-Ed Bus Visit – PSHE Experience for all pupils (with Anstey, hosted here)
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July 2018

Wednesday 4th	Whole School Visit – Natural History Museum, Tring (inc. Nursery) 9am leave, 4pm return.
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Tuesday 10th	Oak Class Cricket Festival (PM)
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Thursday 12th	Moving Up Day
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Friday 13th	Sports Morning and Family Picnic
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Thursday 19th	2.30pm Leavers' Service, in church
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Friday 20th	2pm School Closes for Summer Holidays!
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From the Office –

School Office hours – 8.45am to 2.30pm Every Day

School Meals/New Menu and Cost

From 1st April 2018 the cost of a school dinner will increase **to £2.40 per day**. This is due to overhead costs at HCL, the company we employ to provide our school lunches.

After School Club Summer 2018

Invoices have been sent out for after School Club. Please could we receive the **first instalment by Friday 27th April**. Thank you. 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.

Forest School

The children continue to enjoy their forest school sessions each Wednesday but they can get particularly damp and muddy. We do recommend a full change of warm clothes for the children to wear during this session. This means that should they get soggy both their uniform and PE kit are available as a dry option. There is nothing worse than being soggy all day! We do have storage for wellies and would appreciate it if they can be left in school, as this means we can make the most of our outdoor facility for the entire week not just on Wednesdays. Thank you.

Reminder about earrings – Earrings worn in school should be plain studs. The recommended time to have children's ears pierced is during the six week summer holidays, this allows a period for them to settle in, and ready to be removed for PE lessons. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 271446or jane.house@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

From the Classes



Ash Class

Curriculum Newsletter to be sent out at the end of the week.



Willow Class

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Oak Class

Look out for the update and reminders about our Kingswood Residential – sent out with this Newsletter today.

We have been getting into our new topic – Gladiators.

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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

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

Stay & Play

Every Wednesday 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!