



Thursday 8th November 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

George
Owen L
Cameron

Hormead Heroes

Love: Joshua; **Respect:** Archie B, Louie;
Peace: Archie A, Kiera, Darcy; **Co-operation:** Ayoub, Lidia, Tommy; **Aspire:** Callie, Emilie.

House Points:



Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

From the Headteacher

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."

- **Laurence Binyon, For The Fallen**



Act of Remembrance – 10.50am Friday 9th November

Do join us for our school Act of Remembrance at the Hormead War Memorial. Rev. James will lead us and the pupils will plant poppies they've made this week. All welcome!

Fireworks! – Friday 9th November

We are really excited about our Fireworks event tomorrow! Please do come along – tickets are on sale through the day from the school office. It's a great family evening – share the invite with your friends and family!

In advance, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who will make tomorrow possible. We couldn't do it without your support!

Anti-bullying Week

Next week it is National Anti-bullying Week. We will be working with the children to understand what bullying is and what to do if they feel they are being bullied.

In our school, incidents of bullying are extremely rare and we have robust policies to tackle any behaviour that may lead to bullying. This includes opportunities to talk and think about behaviour choices and consequences in line with our school values. Please see the policies section of our school website to find out more about our approach. You might also find the advice from NSPCC useful: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*



After School Clubs – Autumn 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 Autumn Term 2018:

Monday – Cooking
Tuesday – Sports
Wednesday – Art
Thursday – Dance
Reading
Friday – Free Play

Spaces = a few spaces remain
Full = a waiting list is in operation

Diary Dates

New dates are in **bold**.

November 2018

Friday 9th	Fireworks event – Tickets available from the School Office
Wednesday 14th	Oak Class Museum trip
Friday 16th	Children in Need – Non-school uniform day - Details below
Tuesday 20th	Christmas Craft Fundraiser
Friday 23rd	School Photographer. Individual & Family (8.30am for family)
28 th – 5 th Dec	Travelling Book Fair in school
Thursday 29 th	School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019

December 2018

Tuesday 4 th	School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019
Wednesday 12th	2.00pm – Nativity Performance at Village Hall – Tickets Required
Thursday 13th	9.30pm – Nativity Performance at Village Hall – Tickets Required
Friday 14 th	Christmas Craft Morning – helpers needed!
Tuesday 18 th	Christmas Service (2.30pm at church)
Wednesday 19th	School Christmas lunch. Inc. Nursery
Thursday 20 th	Panto Trip (whole school including Nursery)
Friday 21 st	Last day of Autumn Term – school closes at 2pm

January 2019

Monday 7 th	Pupils return after the Christmas Break
Tuesday 8 th	School Open day for Reception/Nursery in September 2019
Tuesday 15 th	Deadline for Reception (online) and Nursery (direct to school) Applications

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

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

Data Collection Sheet – Your children will be bringing home their Data Collection Sheet today. This is the information we hold regarding contacts etc. for your children. Please could you check that it is correct and make any changes if required? Please sign it and return the form to school by Monday 12th November 2018. We require all forms to be returned, whether changes have been made or not. Thank you.

School Dinners – Autumn Term 2018

Please note that the cost of school dinners is £2.40 daily for Nursery and Oak Class. If, however you wish to pay for school dinners half termly or termly please see below:

Second Half Autumn term = £81.60

This can be paid via the School Gateway. Your account will show that it is in credit, this will reduce when your child takes a school meal.

Children in Need: On Friday 16th November 2018 we are helping to raise money and support Children in Need. We are holding a non-school uniform day and asking children to wear something spotty with a suggested donation £1.00.



Cooler Weather: As the weather is turning cooler, please ensure you child/children bring a suitable coat. Please make sure your child/children bring a tracksuit for PE. This is to be Black or Navy Blue. No logos please.

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

Travelling Book Fair: Save the Date... Book Fair at Hormead School on Thursday, 28th November until Wednesday, 5th December. Come and pick up some early Christmas presents from an unbeatable range of the latest and best children's books. Classes will have an opportunity to browse and buy during the day and it will also be open after school each evening for the children to visit with parents. A reminder will be sent nearer the time. A donation of the sales will be given to School to help us purchase books for our library.

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.

From the Classes



Ash Class

Ash Class have been busy in their role play Post Office, making and sending parcels, writing postcards and letters. This week, we have been talking and thinking about Remembrance Day, sharing the book 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' and making poppies ready for the Remembrance Walk on Friday. We have been designing firework pictures and learning about safety on bonfire night. In literacy, we have been learning about environmental signs and what they are used for.



Willow Class

In Willow, we have been working very hard in our first week back. In English, we have started our new story 'Farmer Duck'. In Maths, we have been continuing to build on our number skills, including finding related addition and subtraction facts. We have also started to look at our local landscape and have done some sketching of Hormead.



Oak Class

In Oak class we have been making poppies in preparation for the service on Friday. In maths, we have continued with our topic on multiplication and division and have progressed onto factors. Our unit for the next two weeks in English is vocabulary building and the children have been enjoying performing poetry. We are working towards the completion of our Egyptian masks and will be displaying them soon.

Feedback on Childcare Services on Hertfordshire

HCC would like your feedback on the childcare options available to you and your family. If you're a parent or carer of a child between the ages of 0-14 years then we would like to hear from you.

Please may we ask you to complete the following survey by the **Friday 30th November 2018**:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/JHFVI/>

Your responses will be incorporated into this year's childcare sufficiency report that the council is required to produce on an annual basis. The report helps us to:

- establish the sufficiency of places across Hertfordshire
- support the sustainability of places
- support the development of places where needed.

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

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!

Golden Ticket

Join your child for lunch on Fridays!
5 tickets available each Friday for lunch – just £3.35each.
Call in at the office or ring to order one.
Tel. 01763 289201