



Reasons to Celebrate

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

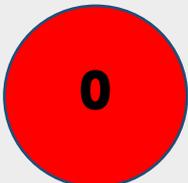
Headteacher's Award

Jaydn Salvo
Bella

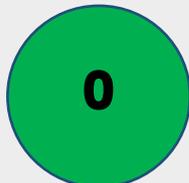
Hormead Heroes

Love: Lydia, Jessie, Dylan L, Junior;
Respect: George, Austin, Darcy, Nella, Henry
Kindness: Lily, Keira, Harry, Reggie, Freya;
Peace: Callie, Daisy, Fred, Evie, Tippi, Missy;
Co-operation: Lily, Penny, Layla, Emilie;
Honesty: Mia, Thomas;
Aspire: Olivia, Mia, Molly, Ethan, Romey.

House Points:



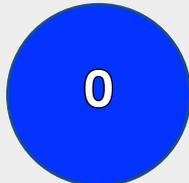
Ruby



Emerald



Amber



Sapphire

House points to be started this term

From the Headteacher

Happy New Year!

We are delighted to introduce ourselves as the interim leadership team.



Mrs Amy Myers
Interim Headteacher
Thursday and Friday



Mrs Victoria Moore
Interim Senior Teacher in Charge
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the 2019 school year. We have heard from Mr Asher and he is settling in well and sends his regards. It has been a great start to the new year and it is privilege to be entrusted with the job of leading such a wonderful school and we wish to assure you that we will work tirelessly to ensure the children continue to receive high quality teaching in a nurturing, happy environment.

We will be working very closely together to ensure continuity across the week. We encourage you to look out for us on duty each morning where we will be available to parents and children. Please do contact us via the school office if you wish to make an appointment to discuss any concerns.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Jones back to Hormead. She has settled in to Oak Class and is enjoying getting to know your children. This half term we are learning about our value of Aspire, exploring what this means in our learning and daily life. In assembly this week we considered what it means to be courageous. We've got an exciting term ahead, with lots to look forward to. Class curriculum letters will be sent out shortly.

Best wishes,

Mrs Amy Myers and Mrs Victoria Moore

After School Clubs – Spring Term 2018

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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** – 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**.*

January 2019	
Tuesday 9th	Nursery Application Open for Sept 2019 – Apply to School
Tuesday 15 th	Deadline for Reception and Middle School (online) Applications
February 2019	
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd	HALF TERM – School closed
March 2019	
Friday 1 st	Deadline for Nursery (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

After School Clubs – Payment requests are now live on the School Gateway.

There seems to be some confusion of the T&C's for cancelling clubs. Once you have been allocated a place for your child's chosen club and an invoice has been sent out, this has secured their place. We require half a term's notice to cancel; therefore you will be liable for a whole term's fees. If you are unsure, please see the office staff.

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.

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.

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.

Head Lice

There has been a case of head lice reported to us today (Friday 11th January). 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.

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

Welcome back to Ash class after the Christmas holidays, we hope you had a lovely break. A big welcome to our new starters as well who have settled in well. We have been discussing and writing about our Christmas holidays and our favourite present this week, before embarking on our new topic of Traditional Tales next week. Our new castle role play corner has been started and the children are eagerly awaiting its opening.

In Maths Reception have been consolidating numbers to 10 before going onto our teen numbers and Nursery have been focusing on their counting.

We look forward to working together this half term, please do remember we are available to chat before or after school if you need to. A little reminder to please practice the tricky words and high frequency words which are in your child's book bag and to write in the reading record when your child has read their reading book at home.

As the class is growing in size, just a gentle reminder about ensuring that your child is in, settled and ready to start their learning by 9am! Thank you.



Willow Class

In Willow, we have started our very exciting topic of 'Take Off In Time'. The children created their own passports and boarding passes before our 'flight' to Africa. We will spend 3 weeks learning all about Africa before we move on to our second location. In Maths, we have been looking at both 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. In RE, we have started thinking about what guides us and how and why Christians use the Bible to guide them in their daily lives. The children have been very excited about their learning this week and it has been great to see so much motivation and enthusiasm.

If you are able to donate any plain paper plates and/or paper cups for an upcoming craft project, please can you send any in over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

We have had a great start to Oak class this term. We have been looking at the book 'How to Train Your Dragon' and exploring interesting language. It has been great to hear expanded noun phrases and lots of interesting similes.



Oak Class

In Maths we have started to develop our understanding of adding and subtracting fractions. We have been using several different methods and using our resources effectively.

We look forward to working together this half term and if any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me after school or contact via the school phone. A little reminder to read as often as possible and practice spellings. The spellings are given on a Friday and the homework is due fortnightly.

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

Owl Watch

Dear Watch Member,

Overnight Brook Cottage Farm Riding School in Furneux Pelham was burgled, the offenders stole 33 saddles from the office along with other items. They would have been on site for a period of time, did anyone see any suspicious vehicles in the area last night or suspicious people. If you did, please call 101 and quote 41/2883/19.

If you need to reply regarding this message, click on this email address:
david.miller2@herts.pnn.police.uk

Regards,
David Miller
Police Constable
Neighbourhood Watch
Email: david.miller2@herts.pnn.police.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 £3.35 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.hormehead.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.



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First & Nursery School

Starting school in September?

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.

Come and see us to find out more, or visit our website!

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

Or come to a DROP IN DAY, no appointment necessary:

“In the early years, every child makes good progress, none are left behind.”

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9am - 4pm
 Thursday 29th
 November 2018

9am - 4pm
 Tuesday 4th
 December 2018

9am - 4pm
 Tuesday 8th,
 Thursday 10th &
 Monday 14th
 January 2019

Deadline for applications online is
Tuesday 15th January 2019

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