

# Aston St Mary's Primary School

## Weekly Update 27.1.12

### Dates for your diary

31 <sup>st</sup> January	Shire Catering to meet with school council to discuss lunches
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports out to parents
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultation
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends 2.00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school for summer term

### PTFA Dates for the diary

23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Pamper evening 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Disco 4.30-5.30 pm KS1, 5.30-6.30 pm KS2
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Wine and Wisdom at Village Hall (time to be confirmed)
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt 2.00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Square Dance
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	BBQ and Camping
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Aston Summer Fete

### PTFA Ladies Pamper Evening 23.2.12

This is the first event of this kind so please see a PTFA rep to book your place and treatments for next Thursday.

### PTFA Disco 9.2.12

Tickets are now on sale in the playground at £2.00 each which includes entry, drink and biscuit. Two discos are being held 4.30-5.30 pm for Reception & KS1, 5.30-6.30 pm for KS2 children.

### Consultation on School Admissions Arrangements for 2013/14

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2013/14 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups. The main change proposed is to allow an increase in the number of preferences from three to four, ie parents will be able to apply to four schools, as opposed to only three as currently. Views are also being sought on :

- A rule to prioritise children of school staff
- Amending the priority area rules and "nearest" school definitions
- Other proposals for the treatment of twins/multiple births, a single sex priority area and in year admissions.

The consultation period runs until 29 February 2012. Please visit

[www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2013](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2013) for more information and to respond online or call Mini Harish on 01992 555840 for a copy of the consultation document.

### Getting ready for the Olympics

We are delighted to have been accepted by the Get Set network - our application was approved, with the organisers saying they were extremely impressed with the work that has already been done and that is planned for the future. This means that we

- have the right to use the London 2012 education logo - look out for this on our letterhead and website;
- will receive a plaque and certificate to show we are part of the London 2012 family;
- and we'll be in with the chance of winning visits from athletes and the London 2012 mascots!

Over the coming months, we will be getting ready for London 2012 by linking more work to the Games and ensuring that our pupils feel that they are a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event.

### School Swimming Awards

All orders for certificates and badges have now been processed and these have been distributed via the book bags. Sincere apologies for the delay in your child receiving their award but all children did amazingly well. Well done!

### Dinner Monies - Spring Term 4.1.12 to 10.2.12

Thank you to all who have already made payment for this half term's meals. Please be reminded that meals are paid for in advance and amounts outstanding of more than £30.00 are required to be referred to HCC for recovery of the debt.

The amounts due for the first half term are as follows:-

All week 28 meals £54.60

Wednesday only 6 meals £11.70

Friday only 6 meals £11.70

Wed & Friday 12 meals £23.40

Cheques payable asap to Herts County Council.

**Merits** were awarded this week to:- Max, Rhianna, Dillan, Daniel, Mya, Matthew F, Luke K, Ciaran, Charlie, Robbie, Joshua K, William P and Maisie P.

**Shining Stars** were awarded to:- Charlotte, Kieran and Samuel N.  
Well done to you all.

### Thought to share

"Fall down seven times, stand up eight." Japanese saying

Best wishes

Lynne Williams and Margaret Gibbs  
Headteachers