

PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT CHANGES



Greetings Easter Gatherer!

It's that time of year again, and it wouldn't be almost Easter without a request to change your records as I have moved again!

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Easter 2010 is a long weekend, beginning lunchtime on Friday 2nd April and finishing at breakfast on Tuesday 6th March.

There is once again a full programme of events and activities taking place throughout the weekend and hopefully there is something for everyone! Sports Ladders will be coordinated for the more active Easter Gatherers, along with the usual Rounders, Cricket, Hockey, Badsworth, and there's plenty to do if you'd prefer a more relaxing Easter. The final programme can be posted to you before Easter if you send me a **Stamped Addressed Envelope**, or I can email an electronic version if you email to request it - aosaeaster@yahoo.co.uk. It will also be posted on the AOSA website - www.aosa.org/easter.htm

In spite of a year of very low inflation, food costs, power costs and staff wages at Ackworth have all increased this year, not forgetting the VAT increase. This means that the cost of running the Easter Gathering at school continues to increase year on year and unfortunately, in an attempt to ensure that the gathering does not run at a loss, the costs for Easter 2010 have had to be increased to account for this.

In previous years we have offered the facility for day visitors to book meals on the day with no limit on the number who can do this. This imposes an economic and logistical burden that the gathering can no longer bear. Prior to the weekend, we are going to agree with the school maximum numbers of portions to be served at each meal and these figures will be based on the numbers who have booked in approximately 10 days before the weekend. Therefore **if you are coming to Easter as a day visitor and wish to eat in school, please make sure that you book your meals in advance as there may be no extra meals available**. As explained in the Annual Report, all those who have pre-booked meals will be admitted into the dining-rooms first - those not booked in may still be able to eat, but will have to wait until everyone else has been served and take the chance that they may not have much choice of meal, if any at all.

This year, we also need to pre-order the meals for the formal dinner, so please can you remember to tick your choices on the Further Requests section of the booking form. Please choose from the following:

STARTER

Chicken Liver & Cranberry Parfait with Cumberland Jelly

OR

Fan of Cantaloupe Melon & Mixed Berries with a Mango Coulis

MAIN

Lamb Shank with Rustic Vegetable & Red Currant Jelly Sauce

OR

Salmon En Croute

OR

Vegetarian Dish of the Day

We look forward to seeing you!
With Best Wishes,
Sal and the Easter Team