

January 26th 2018

## Headteacher's News

It was a pleasure once again to meet more parents today and listen to their views on the school. We have compiled together everyone's opinions and what people value the most about the school are the activity days and themed weeks, the hard-working staff and the wonderful productions by the children.

Much time and energy goes into organising our special themed days and weeks so it is great that they are appreciated by our parents. The next themed week is in a couple of weeks when, once again, we will be considering our health and wellbeing in 'Healthy Schools' Week'. The main event of the week will be the Life Bus, which our fantastic School Association are funding. This allows each class to have a lesson in the bus around the theme of healthy lifestyles. We appreciate their support! We will be repeating our favourite part of last year's week - 'Freewheeling Friday.' All children can bring in their bike or scooter on Friday, 9th February. All scooters and bikes will be stored outside your child's classroom and the children have a timetabled slot during the day to go 'freewheeling' on the playground. We suggest that scooters and bikes are named as there will be many similar ones and children will be encouraged to wear helmets.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our **Maths Games** sessions, where you will have the opportunity, once again, to come in and share with your child's maths learning. Please see the dates list for days and times.

Congratulations to Miss Harding, who gave birth to her twin boys on Monday. Mother and babies are doing well.

### Foundation Trip to Tesco

Foundation had a lovely trip to Tesco this week linked to our topic of 'You're amazing just the way you are'. We all enjoyed looking for foods from different countries around the world and have enjoyed learning where these countries are on the world map. We have been sampling different foods during snack time e.g. Japanese crackers, Greek olives and dip, croissants etc. You will see some of their work displayed outside the reception classrooms. Thank you to the parents who helped us on the trip.



## Important Dates

<b>29th Jan-2nd Feb</b>	<b>Maths Games with parents</b>
30th Jan	9am Lower KS2
31st Jan	9am <b>Reception</b>
1st Feb	9am Upper KS2
2nd Feb	9am KS1
2nd—9th Feb	Festival of Literature
<b>5th Feb</b>	<b>Nursery Admission 2018 opens on School website</b>
5th-9th Feb	Healthy Schools' Week
<b>5th &amp; 6th Feb</b>	<b>Parent sessions- see page 2</b>
9th Feb	<b>Freewheeling Friday</b>
8th Feb	Prospective Parent Tour
12th-16th Feb	Half Term
19th Feb	Inset Day
27th Feb	Parent Consultations
28th Feb	Parent Consultations
1st Mar	World Book Day (children to dress up as a book character)
9th Mar	School Disco: 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
<b>12th - 16th Mar</b>	<b>Dazzling Discovery Week</b>
	Science activity with parents:
13th Mar	9-9.30am KS1
14th Mar	9-9.30am Lower KS2
15th Mar	9-9.30am EYFS
16th Mar	9-9.30am Upper KS2
15th Mar	Curriculum Information Evening
<b>19th Mar</b>	<b>11.20am Nursery am Work Sharing</b> <b>2.45pm Nursery pm Work Sharing</b> <b>2.45pm Reception Work Sharing</b>
22nd Mar	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
23rd Mar	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
28th Mar	Years 3/4 Show (afternoon and evening performances)
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
16th Apr	Children Return to School
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
9th June	Summer Fayre
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018
3rd & 4th Sep	INSET DAYS

## Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe Online in the 21st Century  
Aspects are running the above workshop on Monday, 26th February 2018 at Summercroft Primary School. Please see attached flyer for further information and to book a place.

## Work Sharing

Monday, 19th March

11.20am - Morning Nursery Work Sharing  
2.45pm - Afternoon Nursery Work Sharing  
2.45pm - Reception Work Sharing

### Learning Power - Self-Managing Monkey

**Children were praised for:**

*'Having all the right equipment and being ready to start our lesson.'*  
*'Always practising our spellings independently on a whiteboard.'*

Bella and Evangelene Class 7

*'I managed to catch up with my writing after missing a few lessons without being told to.'* Beck CL 6

*'Working independently, thinking outside the box and getting on with my work without asking for help.'* Frank Class 6

### Northgate Football Team

Yesterday, Northgate Silver played Albury in their first match since the winter break. In a highly entertaining match, which could have gone either way, Northgate just lost out 3-2. Both teams played some excellent football and the match was played in good spirit. Well done to all the children who took part.

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year with another costume extravaganza!

We would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be a parade in the playground in the morning. The children will go to their classrooms after they have been dropped off and parents can wait in the playground for them all to come back out in their costumes.

School council will be judging the winners from each class.

## Reminders and Updates

### Backpacks

We are pleased to inform you that backpacks with the school logo embroidered on them and glow in the dark trim are now available at Fosters Schoolwear. Please note that you are under no obligation to purchase them. If you would like to see one, we have a sample in the office.

### Lost Property

Please remember lost property is now removed at the end of every month so if you have lost anything, please check the boxes in the main reception area. Thank you

### Story CDs

If anyone has any story CDs suitable for children from nursery to year 6 they would be gratefully received. Thank you

## SEND

Since Miss Harding started her maternity leave, I have been fully immersed into the SENDCo role; holding meetings with many outside professionals, getting to know more children as well as speaking to parents. I am enjoying this new role alongside my Assistant Headteacher duties and continuing to teach year 4. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, behaviour or welfare, whether they are on the SEN register or not, please do not hesitate to contact me on the senco email address: [senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk) Mrs Clynes

### HAND news

The Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database has released its January newsletter this week. It is available for free online for parents, carers and professionals. The newsletter has information regarding applying for short breaks, free courses for parents, inclusive activities, support groups and much more. Please see the website [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews) for access.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Amanda  
(pm) - Harry  
Reception: (R1) - Eden  
(R2) - Madi

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on writing.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for using complex sentence structures, building tension and using figurative language.

Well done to:

Class 1: Griff	Class 7: Daisy
Class 2: Archie	Class 8: Sian
Class 3: Harry	Class 9: Eryn
Class 4: Eva	Class 10: Jessica
Class 5: Alice	Class 11: Toby
Class 6: to follow	Class 12: Olivia Ki

## Life Bus Parent Sessions

**Parent Drop in session:**

3.15pm-3.30pm - Monday, 5th February

**Parent Workshop:**

8.50am-9.30am - Tuesday, 6th February

Places for the workshop are limited so please put your name down at the school office.

## Community

### Cancer Research UK

Kate Cullinan (mum to Isabelle in year 1 and Teddy in nursery) and Sophie Evans (mum to Griff in year 1, Dilys in reception and Eira currently with Little Ladybirds) last week took on the challenge to run a half marathon with the aim of raising money for Cancer Research UK, a charity close to both of their hearts. Kate and Sophie successfully covered the 13.1 miles in 2 hours and 1 minute in somewhat chilly conditions.

If anyone wishes to support their efforts and donate for a very worthy cause then please do so via their Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophkate>

Thank you

[Grove Cottage](#) are in urgent need of volunteers to help out at their Nursery weekly swimming sessions at Grange Paddocks on Tuesday mornings during term-time. If you are interested in helping out, please see further details attached or call them on 01279 651908.

### Rotary Young Musician 2018

Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford are organising their annual Young Musician Competition which will be held on 21st April, 2018. Please see the attached document for rules, information and an entry form.

### HECC Sport Cricket

Please find attached, information about half term cricket activities being held at HECC Sport.