

September 29th 2017

## Headteacher's News

Inspirational Maths Week has given the children a opportunity to be involved with a range of different maths activities. We have been encouraging a belief that hard work can lead to success. The children loved the opportunity to share their learning with so many of you when you came in to join in with the maths games. There are so many mathematical skills children can consolidate and develop through games and they are a great tool to help children real number facts. It is a fun way you can support their learning at home. Thank you to Mr Glozier for organising the week.

The dates for the next opportunity to share the children's learning - sharing a book with your child- are on dates list.

### Year 2 Walk to Castle Mound

Year 2 walked to Castle Mound and the War Memorial on Thursday afternoon. They enjoyed sketching and talking about the site of Waytemore Castle and why Bishop's Stortford has a war memorial. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped.



### Class 5 Trip to Pizza Express

Class 5 loved their trip to Pizza Express on Wednesday. They enjoyed making margarita pizzas by pressing out the dough, spreading passata and covering it with mozzarella. They then tasted different toppings, including capers, goats cheese and artichokes. Some even braved jalapenos! Class 6 are excited for their turn next week.



## Extra Curriculum Clubs

### Years 5/6 Choir

Miss Goslitski and Miss Hathaway will be running a choir club for years 5 and 6, from 1.00pm-1.30pm on Fridays, in the hall. This will commence on Friday, 6th October.

Please see the attached timetable for the clubs that are taking place at Northgate.

## Important Dates

2nd –6th Oct	School Journey—Kingswood
2nd Oct—3pm	Nursery phonics (pm children)
3rd Oct—2.45pm	Reception phonics
3rd Oct	Association AGM
4th Oct—11.20am	Nursery phonics (am children)
11th Oct	KS1 Harvest Assembly 9.am
12th Oct	1.30pm BSP Tri Golf - Birchwood
13th Oct	4.00pm BSP Cheerleading - Birchwood
19th Oct	Black History Day
19th Oct	R-Year 4 Flu Vaccinations
19th Oct	School Disco: 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
Fri 20th Oct	Inset day
23rd-27th Oct	Half term
W/C 30th Oct	Parent reading sessions
31st Oct	Yr 5/6 reading with parents
31st Oct	Parent Consultations
1st Nov	Yr 3/4 reading with parents
1st Nov	Parent Consultations
2nd Nov	EYFs reading with parents
3rd Nov	Yr 1/2 reading with parents
3rd Nov	Fireworks
27th Nov	eSafety week
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
7th Dec	EYFS Christmas performance
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
13th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
14th Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Michaels
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holiday
3rd Jan	Children return to school
12th-16th Feb	Half term
19th Feb	Inset Day
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018

\*Red = New Item

## Safeguarding

The latest E-safety Newsletter for parents is attached. It gives you information about current Apps popular with children and advice if you are worried your child may see or hear something inappropriate online.

## Inspirational Maths Week

This week, children at Northgate have enjoyed the first ever inspirational maths week. The purpose of this week was to promote a positive 'can do' mind set towards maths. In Monday's assembly the children learnt about the power of making mistakes in their maths work and the affect this has on their brain!



Throughout the week there has been a range of different activities to inspire:

Every day the children have been given 'inspirational' maths lessons by their teacher, these are very different to normal lessons and encouraged the children to collaborate, think outside the box, be determined and celebrate their mistakes. On Wednesday Magical Maths 'invaded' the children's classrooms, bringing a lot of fun maths and a little bit of chaos to them! On Friday there was a Inter House Maths Competition, hosted by Mrs Tanner. The winning house was Saxons, so a big well done to them! All week there has been a competition to try to get one class from Northgate in the Mathletics Hall of Fame, so far classes 3,7,9 and 12 all stand a great chance of making it in there by the Sunday cut off, however there is plenty of time left so keep up Mathletics this weekend! Finally it has been wonderful to see so



many parents come in to play maths games with their children,. Hopefully the mornings will have given you ideas as to how you can support your child's maths at home, as your support in their mathematical development is crucial. On the right are a few snaps from the week!



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Cian  
(pm) - Vito  
Reception: (R1) - Jackson  
(R2) - George

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for solving mathematical problems creatively.

Well done to:

Class 1: George A	Class 7: Feroz
Class 2: Alfie	Class 8: Ethan
Class 3: Erin	Class 9: Evan
Class 4: Annie	Class 10: Lea & Eva
Class 5: Katie	Class 11: Dylan
Class 6: Ryan	Class 12: Madi

## Free School Meals

Children in years 3 and above have to pay for school dinners.

Please see below in case you qualify for free school meals.

It only takes 5 minutes and further information on how to apply can be found on the attached sheet.

You can also visit [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) or call the customer service centre on 0300 123 4048 (8am-8pm Mon-Fri/9am-4pm Sat)

Did you know that Hertfordshire County Council could save you £400 every year? If you receive one of the following benefits, you could be eligible for free school meals worth over £450 per child per year:

- Income Support
- Income-based jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you do not get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

## School Association

Our next school disco is on **THURSDAY** 19<sup>th</sup> October, before the inset day on Friday. The Foundation and KS1 disco is from 6-7pm and the KS2 disco is from 7.15-8.30pm. Tickets will be available in the playground before and after school from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, or you can pay on the door (£1 extra). Playground prices are £2.50 for Foundation and KS1, and £3 for KS2. Younger siblings are welcome (free) at the KS1 disco.

**We need parents to help at this event.** Helping is EASY, FUN and SOCIABLE. You could help by supervising in the hall while you accompany your child or by selling tickets or refreshments. Please follow this link to see how you can help and sign up <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9LBNRV>

**AGM-** The School Association AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3rd October.

## Community

Fab Science are bringing wizarding science, potion-making and flying broomsticks to Hillmead Primary School this half term. Children aged 5-12 can enjoy five hours of spooktacular hands on experimenting. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

South Street Surgery are looking for a Finance Manager. This role is part-time and flexible/school friendly hours will be considered.. For more information please see: <https://www.southstreetsurgery.co.uk/vacancies/>