

October 6th 2017

### Headteacher's News

Year 6 have had a fantastic time at Kingswood this week. At Northgate, we aim to offer our children a wide range of opportunities. Year 6 have been on an activity week, where the focus of the activities undertaken were teamwork, problem solving, challenge and risk. This included high rope activities which the children particularly enjoyed. The staff were impressed with their behaviour and their efforts in building teamwork skills. These trips rely on a major commitment by our staff and I would like to thank the 6 members of staff who have given up their evenings and experienced the 'sleepover' with the 55 in their care. Well done to the children for their positive attitude to the new challenges! Have a restful weekend!

Many thanks to all the parents and staff who attended the School Association AGM this week. As a school we wish to thank all the committee members but, in particular, thanks to Helen Badcock who is standing down as a trustee. Welcome to our new committee, particularly to Louisa Piercy who was elected as the new Chair. We look forward to all the events being hosted this year which strengthen our school community and increase our resources.

### Harvest

Thank you to Simon Hughes, a local farmer, who came to talk to the children about how the harvest works on a farm. They enjoyed seeing pictures of baby geese and ducks.

Next week we are celebrating harvest, considering where food comes from and giving thanks for the food we have.

Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to the Key Stage 1 Harvest Assembly on Wednesday at 9am (I am afraid our hall is not large enough to have all the Key Stage 2 children and parents).

We like to share with others less fortunate than us so we are asking children to bring in the following gifts which will be donated to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank:

Long Life Milk	Tinned Meats	Chocolate Bars
Long Life Fruit Juice	Coffee	(e.g. Penguins)
Tea Bags	Sponge Puddings	Tinned Tomatoes
Sugar	Tinned Rice Pudding	Drinking Chocolate (water)
Squashes	Instant Mash Potato	

Alternatively, cash donations would be gratefully received and forwarded by us directly to the Food Bank.

### Class 6 Trip to Pizza Express

On Thursday, class 6 had a great time at Pizza Express where they made pizzas to take home. They also got to taste a range of toppings, some of which the children had not tasted before. Thank you to all the helpers who came with us.

### Year 5 WW2 Talk

On Tuesday, Mr Graham Foote came to talk about WW2. He was born in 1938 and was evacuated with his family. Even though he was very small, Mr Foote had a job and had to help in the garden, to grow fruit and vegetables. Thank you for answering lots of questions.

### Important Dates

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	Year 5/6 reading with parents
31st Oct	Parent Consultations
1st Nov	Year 3/4 reading with parents
1st Nov	Parent Consultations
2nd Nov	EYFs reading with parents
3rd Nov	Year 1/2 reading with parents
3rd Nov	Fireworks
27th Nov	eSafety week
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
7th Dec	EYFS Christmas performance
9th Dec	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
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
28th May-1st Jun	<b>Half Term</b>
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018
	<b>*Red = New Item</b>

### Safeguarding

For safeguarding reasons, parents are not allowed in the KS1 or KS2 playground while the children are coming into school, as parents are not allowed in school without signing in at the school office. If you need to speak to the teacher, please contact the office who pass on any message and the teacher can contact you when they are available.

## Sporting Opportunities

### Daily Mile

To remind you that we open the gates early 3 days a week to give your children the opportunity to take part in the daily mile which will support their health, wellbeing and their learning.

We will now have registers out so the children can tick their names before they start.

Parents of foundation pupils who are running are allowed around to the playground, as they need to take them to their classroom for the start of lessons. Please stay on the benches as you first enter the playground and keep preschool children close to you.

Pupils, including siblings, who are not doing the mile must wait at the front gates with their parents as we do not have appropriate supervision on the playground.

We hope your child gives it a go! The teachers can see the benefits it is having! On Tuesday and Thursday all the children do the mile within the school day.

### Coaching Experience with Jo Harten

On Monday, 4 children from Northgate were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to visit Elsenham Primary School for an intimate coaching session with England netball goal shooter, Jo Harten. Jo is a local girl who started her netball career at Tegate NC in Harlow before branching out to play in the British super league, the ANZ league and, most recently, the Aussie Giants super league team. Jo put the girls through their paces with a series of fun warm up games and skills practices, with a focus on passing and shooting.

The children were completely captivated by Jo throughout the sessions. Jo showed the children her most important silverware, including her Commonwealth medals. Thank you to Elsenham Primary School for extending this opportunity to Northgate and to Vanessa Smith for kindly transporting the children.



### Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club Finals

Last weekend, two Northgate students reached the finals of The Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club Tournament. The U9 Orange Ball Club Tournament saw the final contested by Gracie S and Robbie F. The standard of tennis was really high from both players as they went for their shots. In a very close 3 set match, Gracie came out as the winner 8-6 in the final set. The U10 Green Ball Final involved Luke D and Lucas R. Luke played a fantastic tactical match and attacked at every opportunity which overwhelmed Lucas and saw Luke come out victorious 4-1 4-0. Gracie then went on to win the Cambridge Tennis Tournament the following day. This is a great achievement for both players who have been training hard at the club and making good progress throughout the year.

## SENCO

### Learning Passports

Learning passports should now be up and running in each class. Your children should be bringing their learning passports home each Friday so you can support your child with the targets they are working on at school. You are welcome to sign or comment on their success towards the target.

The Learning Passports must be returned from home every Monday. It is essential that we have the Learning Passports in school throughout the week, so that the children can work on their targets during lesson time.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Arabelle  
(pm) - Ivy  
Reception: (R1) - Freddie  
(R2) - Holly

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for developing different sports skills and for working well in teams.

Well done to:

Class 1: George T	Class 6: Beck
Class 2: Phoebe	Class 7: Ethan
Class 3: Jude	Class 8: Gracie
Class 4: Tilly	Class 9: Louis
Class 5: Megan	Class 10: Luke D

## Reminders

### Long hair

Hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back.

### Jewellery

Children should not be wearing earrings to school and will be asked to take them out if they are seen wearing them. If your child cannot remove any jewellery for a particular reason, please put this in writing to the Headteacher.

### Snacks and Drinks

Children are only allowed healthy snacks and water. They are NOT allowed crisps, chocolate or squash. Inappropriate snacks will be taken away from the children and returned to them at the end of the day.

### Mobile Phones

Please do not use your mobile phones on the school premises.

## School Association

### School Disco - THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October

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> October, 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.

## Community

### "Spooky Fun at the Gardens of Easton Lodge

From 11.30am on Sunday, 15th October the Gardens of Easton Lodge will have their last open day of the season and there will be Halloween activities for children. Please see the attached flyer for further information.