

February 2nd 2018

## Headteacher's News

Maths is such an important core skill so it is great to work in partnership with parents, developing our children's learning. Thank you to all the parents/grandparents and carers who came in this week - the classrooms were buzzing in these sessions, with positive maths energy. If you did not get the chance to come in but would like to do a fun activity with your child, there are lots of ideas on the website in the maths sections. You can find them in the 'targets for pupils', where you can also find the expectations for the year group. In the maths section, in 'Helping at Home', you can also find links to useful websites.



We are hoping to develop our outside learning area in March and we have a group from Glaxo who have kindly offered to come in one day to help clear the area by the pond. We would like some more volunteers to help plant some trees which are going to be donated by the Woodland Trust. If you have a 'charity day' at work or have some free time and are able come in for a day in March, please contact the school office through the admin email. Many thanks for your continued support.

## Healthy School' Week

### 'Freewheeling' Friday, 9th February

On Friday, 9th February all children from **Reception to Year 6** can bring in their bike or scooter to school. **Nursery** children will be participating but please **do not** bring in their own bike or scooter as these will be provided by school.

- 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.
- Children are encouraged to wear helmets.
- If your child does not have a bike or scooter they will be able to go out to play at this time.

### Life Bus Parent Sessions

Drop in - Monday, 5th from 3.15-3.30pm

Workshop - Tuesday, 6th from 8.50-9.30am. Please let the school office know if you wish to book a place at this session.

### Daily Mile

During Healthy Schools' Week, please encourage your child to take part in the daily mile. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday this takes place before school and the gates open from 8.35am to 8.40am. The children can walk if they prefer not to run.

## Important Dates

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
5th & 6th Feb	Parent sessions- see page 2
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: 9-9.30am KS1 9-9.30am Lower KS2 9-9.30am EYFS 9-9.30am Upper KS2
13th Mar	Curriculum Information Evening
14th Mar	11.20am Nursery am Work Sharing
15th Mar	2.45pm Nursery pm Work Sharing
16th Mar	2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
15th Mar	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
19th Mar	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
22nd Mar	Years 3/4 Show (afternoon and evening performances)
23rd Mar	Break up for Easter
28th Mar	Children Return to School
29th Mar	<b>School Association Film Night</b>
16th Apr	Half Term
<b>20th Apr</b>	Inset Day
28th May-1st Jun	Summer Fayre
4th June	Break up for Summer 2018
9th June	INSET DAYS
20th Jul 2018	Children Return to School
3rd & 4th Sep	
5th Sep	

\*Red = New Item

## Safeguarding

At school, we ensure that our internet is filtered to reduce the risk of children opening inappropriate material. If illegal searches are made, this is reported to the appropriate authorities. We are asked to remind parents that many internet providers offer filtering services that can be easily accessed.

## Football Report

On Tuesday, Northgate Gold and Silver played St Joseph's at home. The gold team fought extremely hard, however lost 6-3 (although they did manage to hit the bar at least 4 times!). The Silver team also played very well, winning 4-2, in a very competitive match. A big well done to all the boys and girls who took part, their attitude was excellent throughout.

## Netball at St Michael's

On Monday, 6 girls from year 6 played a netball match against St Michael's Primary School. In the first quarter, Northgate managed to get 8 goals. Our GA (Lizzie) got 5 and our GS (Annie) got 3. At this point St Michael's were on 3, making the score 8-3 to us. In the 2nd quarter Northgate managed to get 4 more goals in but unfortunately St Michael's didn't score. The score at this point was 12-3 to us. In the final quarter, Northgate scored 6 more goals and sadly St Michael's did not get any goals, making the final score 18-3 to us.

As a team, we have decided to give player of the match to Lizzie for her fantastic shooting.

## Reception Sewing Club

Miss Clarke and Mrs Cope will be running a sewing club every Monday from **26th February**, for 5 weeks. The club will initially be for reception children and places will be limited. Please let the office know if your child is interested in taking part by Thursday, 8th February. The club will run from 3.15pm-4.15pm in R1 classroom.

## Reminders and Updates

### Applications for Nursery Places for September 2018

Applications open on Monday, 5th February and will be available on the school website via the 'Admissions' tab. If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, you may apply for a Nursery place. The closing date for applications is Friday, 16th March, 2018.

### Clerk to the Governing Body

The Governors of the school wish to appoint a Clerk to work effectively with the Chair of Governors, Committees and the Headteacher.

This is a flexible role which will require attendance at two evening meetings and two daytime meetings per half term, with additional time allowed for the completion of Governing Body paperwork (approximately 110 hours over the academic year).

If you are interested in applying for the post please come and see me for more information and an application form. Thank you  
Julie Lane

## SEND

SPACE is a charity supporting Parents/Carers in Hertfordshire of children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum, ADHD or related conditions. They have regular professional speakers, workshops and social events, plus a library of books to borrow. It is a great place to meet other Parents/Carers. SPACE are launching a new support group in Bishop's Stortford.

Venue: Baptist Church, Twyford Road, CM23 3LJ

Date: Third Monday of every month (term time only). Starting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 10am-12pm

If you would like more information you can email them directly on [spaceherts@gmail.com](mailto:spaceherts@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can find them on their website <http://www.spaceherts.org.uk/>

or on Facebook under SPACE for more information.

Charlotte Clynes

Assistant Headteacher

SENDCo

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Maya  
(pm) - Marco  
Reception: (R1) - Elise  
(R2) - Tallulah

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for participation, enthusiasm and developing their skills in music.

Well done to:

Class 1: Eshaal	Class 7: Thomas
Class 2: Amelie	Class 8: Luca
Class 3: Lewis W	Class 9: Zoe
Class 4: Diogo	Class 10: Elizabeth C
Class 5: Zac	Class 11: Gemma
Class 6: Filip & Fraser	Class 12: Joseph

### Self Managing Monkeys

This week, our self managing monkeys included Amber (class 7), who dealt with a problem quickly and efficiently without any adult help and Aaron (class 12), who dealt with test week maturely and worked to the best of his ability.

Well done

## Community

### Cancer Research UK

Unfortunately the link to Kate and Sophie's Just Giving page in last week's newsletter did not work for everyone, please find the re-set link below:

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

Thank you

### Litter Pickers

Last Sunday afternoon Isabella (class 6), Eva (class 1), Katherine (class 5) and Susie (R1) went litter picking, they spent their Sunday afternoon picking up 3 bin liners full of rubbish from Hadham Road then down Cricketfield Lane to the school.

They were inspired to do this after watching Blue Planet 2 and seeing the impact that litter has on our wildlife.

Well done girls

