

February 9th 2018

Headteacher's News

As we come to the end of a busy week, we hope that children have enjoyed the opportunities to enhance their learning through the Healthy Schools' Week and the Bishop's Stortford Festival of Literature. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for organising these events, parents for their support and the School Association for funding the Life Bus. The bus allows the children to discuss many key issues around health and wellbeing in a safe and fun environment. It is due to the commitment of everyone involved with the school, that we can offer these varied enrichment activities.

If you would like to find out more about protecting your children from serious health problems by making some simple changes, sign up to Change4Life online and join over a million families who are already using their helpful tips, tasty recipes and money-saving vouchers, plus much more!

I hope you have an enjoyable and restful holiday. Staff have a training day on the Monday after half term so we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, 20th February.

Healthy Schools' Week

We have had an exciting and informative Healthy Schools Week! On Monday the children were thrilled to see that the Life Bus had arrived and have been eagerly waiting for their slot to go on and spend time learning about different aspects of healthy living. A big thank you to Nancy from Coram Education, who has organised fun sessions which every year group has enjoyed and to the Association, who provide funding for this fantastic resource.

Each year group has studied one aspect of healthy living in more depth this week, from healthy sleep habits to drugs and alcohol awareness. Our Learners of the Week then shared their class's key learning from their selected topic in our Friday assembly.

We have had a 'Walk to School' Competition, with classes competing to earn points by walking to school. It has been great to watch the children becoming more enthusiastic about walking to school and seeing the numbers increase through the week - keep it up! It has also been wonderful to see more children taking part in the Daily Mile before school.

All classes have spent time every day doing a 'Wake and Shake' or a mindfulness session in order to stay active throughout the day and settle themselves ready to learn.

We finished off the week with 'Freewheeling' Friday, when the children all had the opportunity to get active by zooming around the playground on their bikes and scooters.

As we have been spending time thinking about keeping healthy this week, we would also like to remind you that crisps, chocolate and sweets must not be provided for a snack. Thank you for your co-operation.

Important Dates

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
12th - 16th Mar	Dazzling Discovery Week 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
19th Mar	11.20am Nursery am Work Sharing 2.45pm Nursery pm Work Sharing 2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
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
20th Apr	School Association Film Night
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
5th Sep	Children Return to School

*Red = New Item

House Points

The final results for this half term are as follows:

Normans	2,432
Saxons	2,266
Romans	1,848
Vikings	1,671
Well done to the Normans!	

Safeguarding

When coming into school, please make sure you sign in at the main reception. Also please do not come into school around the back either at the start of the end of the day. Thank you

Festival of Literature

The children all had a wonderful time visiting the College and getting to see a range of different authors. It was an enriching experience for all. The authors they went to see were: Year 2 Margaret Bateson-Hill, Year 3—Jeanne Willis, Year 4—Jo Cotterill, Year 5 Joseph Coelho and Year 6 Robin Stevens

School Council went to the Picture Book of the Year Awards Ceremony.

World Book Day

Don't forget 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. There will be a super hero themed lunch on that day too.

School council will be judging the winners from each class.

Football Report

Yesterday, Northgate A and B teams played Summercroft for the last games of the season. The A team started strongly and were winning 1-0 thanks to Callenish's goal but unfortunately we let in 2 goals. In the second half we worked really hard as a team and ended 2-2 to gain our first point of the season. Man of the Match went to Harry for his great contribution to the team...**Joseph** (cl12).

The B team put up a strong performance in the first half with Luke scoring the first goal. Unfortunately, Summercroft then scored 3. In the second half our amazing goalkeeper, Ediz, didn't let in a single goal, however the final score was 1-3 to Summercroft...**Pearl** (Cl12).

Reminders and Updates

Please remember that Monday, 19th February is an **INSET DAY** so there will be no children in school.

Parent Consultations

These will take place on Tuesday, 27th and Wednesday, 28th February and the booking system will be open for parents to book on eSchools from Saturday, 10th to Sunday, 25th February. There are only enough slots for one session per child so please make sure you only book for one day. Thank you

Tennis/Cricket Club Parking

The tennis club have once again asked us to inform parents about parking responsibly and not in the staff, disabled or hatch marked bays. Also please do not park on the grass inside the gates or outside the entrance as kerbs have been damaged and are expensive to replace.

Careful Driving Outside of School

Please drive responsibly outside of school for the sake of our children. Thank you

School Association

School Disco - Friday, 9th March

The next school disco is happening on Friday March 9th. As you know, we need a team of volunteers to make sure it's a success - jobs include selling tickets the week before, setting up on the day and helping with the disco itself.

If you are able to help, please complete the survey below, indicating when you are available and what you would prefer to do.

many thanks in advance

Louise Tennekoon

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/THX328W>

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Dylan

(pm) - Kai

Reception: (R1) - Cadence

(R2) - Brandon

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Healthy Schools' Week.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for all their contributions to the different areas of learning around being healthy.

Well done to:

Class 1: Ewan B Class 7: Evangelene

Class 2: Aaron Class 8: Ella

Class 3: Thomas C Class 9: Rae

Class 4: Jack Class 10: Callum

Class 5: Norah Class 11: Joshua S

Class 6: Jasper Class 12: Joel

Self Managing Monkeys

The children were praised for using their initiative and making good use of time in the classroom.

Sam (class 8) and Daisy (class 7)

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ADHD WORKSHOP FOR PARENT/CARERS

We are pleased to announce that SPACE, in partnership with the ADHD Foundation, will be delivering the above workshop with Dr Tony Lloyd, CEO of the ADHD FOUNDATION on Thursday 26th April from 9.45am to 2.30pm (arrival for morning refreshments from 9am) at the Cheshunt Marriott Hotel, Half hide Lane, Broxbourne, EN10 6NG

Refreshments & Light Lunch will be provided.

There will be a separate event for professionals on Friday 27th which will be available to book soon.

Please see the attached flyer for further information and use the link below to book your place(s).

<https://spacehertsevents.typeform.com/to/ub7iVR>

Community

Families First

Families First is a local support group for you and your family. They are holding a drop in session on Thursday, 8th March. Please see the attached flyer for further information. If you would like to find out more about Families First, please go to

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Exchange

Exchange is based at the Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Centre and takes in donated items and passes them on, free of charge, to people who need them. For further information please phone: 07955 140293.

Fire Service Safety Checks

The Bishop's Stortford Fire Service offer local residents a free home fire safety check. They will check your smoke detectors and supply and fit a free one if necessary. Just call them to arrange a mutually convenient time on 01279 507070.