

July 21st 2017

Headteacher's News

As we come to the end of another busy school year, I would like to say goodbye and good luck to the children and families who are leaving us this year. The Year 6 have been a fantastic year group and will be greatly missed.

We are also saying goodbye to a number of staff. Mr McDonald is retiring, Mr Cavendish is moving out of the area, Mrs Bennett is moving to a local school, for family reasons, and Mrs Welch, who is moving on to ventures new. We thank them for their hard work and wish them well for the future.

I would like to thank all the staff, governors and Association who have worked extremely hard this year to ensure the best provision for all our children. The children have had many great opportunities, thanks to the hard work and commitment of all the adults. A special mention goes to all the teachers who have supported PE activities this year, in particular Mrs Godfrey and Miss Freeman, as once again this week we have achieved the Gold Sports Mark. More details on the next page. I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and look forward to see you again on the 4th of September.

Foundation

Thank you to all those parents who made a donation for the vegetables sold this week in the foundation playground. The children were so excited to be able to grow, pick and sell their very own vegetables. Thank you also to Mrs Smith who helped to make all this happen. We managed to raise £20.45. This will go towards new seeds for the Autumn Term.

Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Colchester Zoo on Monday. We saw lots of different animals and some of us were able to feed the giraffes. Thank you to all the parents who came to help on the trip, we had an amazing day!

Year 4 trip Stansted Mountfitchet

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle on Tuesday. They got to explore a restored Motte and Baily Castle and enjoyed making friends with the resident wildlife.

Year 6 trip to Go Ape

On Monday Year 6 went to Go Ape and lots of people were excited. There were lots of obstacles up high in trees but the best bit was the gigantic zip wire at the end!...**Maisie** (class 11)

Important Dates

Fri 21 st July	End of Term 2.00pm
Thurs 31st Aug	Inset day
Fri 1st Sep	Inset day
Mon 4th Sep	1st Day of Autumn Term
Wed 6th Sep	2.45pm Yr 3 Mt the Teacher
Thurs 7th Sep	9.00am Yr 6 Mt the Teacher
	2.45pm Yr 5 Mt the Teacher
Fri 8th Sep	9.00am Yr4 Mt the Teacher
	2.45pm Yr 2 Mt the Teacher
Mon 11th Sep	2.45pm Yr1 Mt the Teacher
Thurs 14th Sep	12.45pm Reception Mt the Teacher
Fri 20th Oct	Inset day
23rd-27th Oct	Half term
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holiday
12th Feb-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

SATs

You may be interested to know that the DFE have produced leaflets for parents of children in Year 2 and 6 about the SATs. The higher standard for the Key Stage Two tests has not yet been confirmed but we assume that it will be similar to last year's threshold of a scaled score of 110.

KS2: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-2-information-for-parents>

KS1: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1-information-for-parents>

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners until the end of the first half term (Autumn) will be as follows:

Per Day	Every Day	Wed
£2.40	£81.60	£16.80
Fri	Wed & Fri	
£14.40	£31.20	

Enriching the Curriculum

Summer Reading Challenge

Bishop's Stortford library is running it's reading challenge again this year, on the theme 'Animal Agents'. It is also running activities over the summer so don't forget to make a visit!

Sporting Opportunities

GOLD for Northgate

This year Northgate have competed in a very busy sporting calendar. Children have had the opportunity to try new sports in PE lessons, represent the school in competitive sport and attend sports clubs at school. After all their hard work and commitment, I am very proud to announce that Northgate have achieved the Gold Sports Mark for the third year running! This is a whole school effort with every child contributing to this award at some point. Be it running the daily mile, competing in partnership competitions, participating in sports day or joining in with inter-house games in PE lessons, everyone has played their part. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support with school sport and look forward to the upcoming academic year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer.
Zoe Freeman (PE Teacher)



Cricket

On Wednesday, the Northgate cricket team travelled to Manor Fields for the Grand Final of the PSD summer cricket league. It was an extremely close match between the two top teams in the league. Some excellent catching restricted Manor Fields to only 127 runs; Northgate then went into bat but runs were hard to get (even the umpire stopped a few!) In the end, the team ended up losing by 1 single run in a very exciting match. A big well done to all the children who have played this year; many have never played competitive cricket before and the improvement in their ability has been fantastic to watch...Mr Glozier

Reminders

Start of Autumn Term 2017

The first day of the Autumn term is 4th September 2017, when most children will return to school. New children starting in Nursery and Reception classes have been advised of their individual start dates and sessions.

Uniform

Skirts and trousers must be smart school wear. The upper juniors are expected to wear shirt and ties.

Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights. Children are not allowed to wear trainers, fashion shoes or boots.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings or other jewellery in school.

Hair accessories must be in school colours, yellow or bottle green.

PE kit

All children will be expected to wear bottle green shorts and a bottle green tracksuit in September.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of unnamed items in lost property. Any items remaining in the box after Monday, 11th September will be taken to a charity shop.

Celebration of Achievements

Arts

Miller Creativity Cup Elizabeth C

Maths

Miller Maths Improver Cup Yr5 Maggie H

Miller Maths Improver Cup Yr4 Harriet H

Miller Maths Improver Cup Yr 3 Evangelene D

English

Norman Haywood Most

Improved Reader Emilia J

Social

Playtime Leader KS2—Yr 5 Gemma T

Playtime Leader KS1—Yr 2 Charlie H

ICT

ICT Award—R Mac J

ICT Award—Yr 1 Lara S

ICT Award—Yr 2 Katie R

ICT Award—Yr 3 Luca B

ICT Award—Yr 4 Toby B

ICT Award—Yr 5 Dylan B

Sports Cups

Most Improved Netballer Caitlin N

Sportsperson of the Year Lewis E

Sportsmanship Award Lily W

Performing Arts Trophies

Mrs Glasgow's Star Speaker Harry C

Music Annie B & Joe L

Drama David B

Writing

Poetry Amelia M

Creative Writing Katie P

Science & Technology

Science Edward C

ICT Jack E

Art

Art Trophy Mia A

Maths

Maths Trophy George B &

Natalie R

Smiley

Hannah B & Maisie F

Community

Girls' Football

I will be co-managing a girls football team next season for students going into year 7 in September (my daughter Grace is in it) and we are looking for girls to join. It will be under the banner of Bishops Stortford Community FC girls u12 and will hopefully be playing in a league with matches on Saturday mornings and training on either Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. We will also be running some training sessions in the summer hols on Sunday mornings. My contact details are:

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Please see the attached flyer