

November 17th 2017

Headteacher's News

We believe in the importance of partnership with our parents and it was lovely to see so many people at the year 5/6 workshop on Wednesday evening. We hope you found the session helpful. Information from the evening will be on eSchools shortly. It was also great to see so many parents at the Year1 parent information session on phonics on Thursday afternoon. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing year 2 parents next week at their phonics workshop.

If you have any feedback on these information sessions to enable us to make them as helpful as possible, please send an email to:

interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk

We have updated the English and Maths sections on the website with information under 'Our Learning'. For example, you can now find a suggested book list for each year group, in maths there is information about what we cover and there are also videos which will hopefully help you to support your child at home. We are intending to continue to develop our website over the coming weeks.

Class 11 Iceberg Experiment

"On Tuesday, class 11 did an experiment on how an iceberg is formed and how salt helps it melt. When you put salt on ice it makes it melt quicker. We were in groups and put food colouring to show you what the salt does" ...**Gemma and Lottie** (class 11)

Mathletics

Well done to class 5 who once again were the highest users of Mathletics this week and well done to classes 9 and 11 who have increased their usage during the week.

BSP Basketball at Birchwood

Well done to the children who represented the school in the basketball yesterday at Birchwood. Although they did not win overall they got through to the second round and there was a great team spirit. The children's behaviour was a credit to Northgate.

Years 5/6 German Club

Mrs Godfrey will be offering a German lunchtime club on Thursdays, from 1.00pm to 1.25pm for the children in years 5 and 6. This will commence in the Spring Term. If your child is interested, please contact the school office and Mrs Godfrey will confirm the final list before Christmas. Numbers will be limited so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Important Dates

22nd Nov	Year 2 Parent Workshop (2.45)
22nd Nov	2.45pm Year5 Work Sharing
23rd Nov	Girls Football Final (Home)
27th Nov	eSafety week
28th Nov	9.30am Prospective Parent Tour
28th Nov	2.45pm Year 2 Work Sharing
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
29th Nov	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
30th Nov	Association Cake Sale
1st Dec	9.30am Cricket at HECC
1st Dec	2.45pm Year 4 Work Sharing
6th Dec	Year 6 Height and Weight
7th Dec	EYFS Christmas performances
8th Dec	9.30am Prospective Parent Tour
8th Dec	9.00am Year 4 music festival - St Barnabus Centre
9th Dec	Christmas Fayre
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
11th Dec	Choir Practice at St Michael's pm Choir Carol service at St Michael's (evening)
13th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
14th Dec	Happy Bags Collection
14th Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Michael's
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15th Dec	Puppets Galore
19th Dec	2.00pm End of Term
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	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

Please remember the use of mobile phones is NOT permitted in school.

Christmas Events

We are on the exciting build up to so many Christmas events.

Foundation Christmas Concerts

These will be held on:

Thursday, 7th December at 10.45am and 2.15pm

Letters will be sent home with the children today.

KS1 Christmas Performances

These will take place on Wednesday, 13th December at 2.00pm and 6.30pm. All children in years 1 and 2 will be needed at both performances. Tickets will be limited to 2 per family due to lack of space and, if possible, toddlers should not be brought to the shows. A letter giving further information will be sent out next week.

KS2 Carol Service

This will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday, 14th December at St Michael's Church. All KS2 children will be walking down to church but will need to be collected from church at 3.00pm. Children attending Night Owls will be walked back.

Year 4 Music Festival

This will be taking place on Friday, 8th December at the St Barnabus Centre. Parents are invited to watch the performance at 11.00am. A letter will follow shortly giving further information.

KS2 Choir Carol Service

This will be held at 7.00pm on Monday, 11th December at St Michael's Church. A letter will be sent out next week with further information.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, 15th December will be having Christmas Jumper Day, where the children can come in a Christmas jumper or a jumper that is decorated for Christmas, with tinsel etc. We will ask for a small voluntary contribution to be donated to Save the Children.

Festival of Literature

Bishop's Stortford College will hold its ninth Festival of Literature from 2nd – 8th February 2018. The week will feature an array of authors, wordsmiths and adventurers.

Most of the classes in school will be attending the school events.

Details for this will be given nearer the time. There is a flyer attached for the fantastic evening events that are taking place!.

School Association

Cake Sale—Thursday, 30th November

This term we are asking children and parents from Foundation and KS1 to make goodies for the bake sale. We hope to get a good selection of cupcakes/fairy cakes, biscuits and family sized cakes to sell, so feel free to get creative - we'll be sending home 2 plates per child, in case you want to send in a whole batch of cakes or biscuits. Cakes will be on sale in the playground after school and also at the end of morning nursery.

Happy Bags

There will be a Happy Bags clothes recycling collection on the morning of 14th December, between 10am and 11am. The bags will be sent home with the children in their book bags the week before. Filled bags can be left in the bike shelter on or before the morning of the 14th.

Christmas Fayre

Please remember the Northgate Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 9th December 2017.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Olivia
(pm) - Finley
Reception: (R1) - Noémie
(R2) - Freddie

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their scientific skills and enthusiasm.

Well done to:

Class 1: Claudia	Class 8: Tristan
Class 2: Mac	Class 9: Evie
Class 3: Morgan	Class 10: Lachlan, Lily & Chloe
Class 4: Felix	
Class 5: Katherine	Class 11: Evie
Class 6: Dinon	Class 12: Thomas

Reminders and updates

Bishop's Stortford Law Tennis Club

Parking outside of school will be extra difficult next **Monday, 20th November**. Due to a function at the club they have requested that parents do not park in their car parks at lunchtime or after school. Please park in the Rugby Club car park and walk down to school.

Children's Coats

The weather is now a lot colder and it is important that children come to school with a warm coat.

Also please remember that all pupils should now be wearing winter uniform, i.e. no shorts.

Thank you

Community

Grove Cottage

Grove Cottage are advertising for an Operations Manager. If you are interested, please see the advertisement attached.

They are also holding the following fundraising events :

Saturday 2 December – Grove Cottage Santa Dash and Reindeer Run

Thursday 7 December – Grove Cottage Christmas Quiz Night and Disco

Please see the attached flyers for the above events.