

May 11th 2018

Headteacher's News

To improve our safeguarding procedures, there will be a practice fire drill on Monday, 25th June where we will be evacuating the whole school to the site of the Rugby Club, as we would in the case of a real fire. We want to practice walking the children there and handing over them to parents in that environment should this ever occur.

On 25th June we would like parents to pick up their children from the Rugby Club at the end of the school day. Children who will be attending Night Owls or after school clubs on that day will be walked back to school by staff, so parents of these children need not come to the Rugby Club for 3.15pm to take part in the practice. Please put this date in your diaries and more information will follow. Thank you.

Over the coming weeks children will be completing assessments. Please ensure they have a good night's sleep and they have a good breakfast so they are ready for the day's learning. Good luck year 6, for their SATs. The children have worked very hard in preparation for them.

Hope you have a restful weekend.

Science Award

This academic year we are working towards achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark. As part of this, teachers have been working hard to develop science teaching in Northgate to be more effective and enjoyable for the children. Children have expressed that they love the practical element of science, as well as being able to work with expert visitors or parents.

On Thursday, Class 11 were lucky enough to have a session led by a Herts and Essex secondary science teacher. This was a child-led investigation, empowering the children to investigate a problem themselves, choosing their own variables and methods of measuring and recording. If there are any parents with science backgrounds who would like to join their child's class to support or lead a science session or even a mini assembly on their area of expertise, please see your child's class teacher or speak to Miss Jones.



Important Dates

Year 6 SATs Week

14th May	Reception - School Nurse
14th May	12.45pm Year 6 Crucial Crew
24th May	2.30pm Year 3 Music Concert
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25th May	
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
7th June	Whole School Art Day (printing)
8th June	Class 11 tennis begins
9th June	Summer Fayre
9th June	Year 6 Hockerill Taster Day
11th June	2pm Year 2 Minibeast Hunt
14th June	Class 10 tennis begins
15th June	2.50pm Yr3 Work Sharing
15th June	2.50pm Yr5 Work Sharing
18th June	Class Photos
22nd June	2.50pm Yr4 Work Sharing
22nd June	School Association Discos
24th June	Rickling RunFest
25th June	Fire Evacuation Practice
3rd July	Year 5/6 product at Rhodes
3rd July	2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
5th July	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
5th July	2.45pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
6th July	Sports Day
9th July	Get Active Week
12th July	Move Up Morning
12th July	Yr 2 Transition to KS2 meeting with parents
12th July	2.45pm Yr2 Work Sharing
16th July	2.45pm Yr1 Work Sharing
17th July	Take Over Day
19th July	Leavers' Assembly
19th July	Yr6 Work Sharing (following Leavers' Assembly)
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018 2pm
3rd & 4th Sep	INSET DAYS
5th Sep	Children Return to School

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

We have had tremendous problems with double parking and people showing no consideration for other drivers this week. This has even prevented members of staff entering the staff car park. Please make sure you show consideration to others and park appropriately.

Enriching the Curriculum

Outdoor Learning Zone

The school are currently undertaking a project to clear an area of wooded ground, working towards making an additional space so that classes can take their learning outside.

The Nature Expert Club on Tuesdays after school have worked hard to make the pond ready for pond dipping lessons.

A very big thank you to Peter Parker (Site Manager) and an amazing group of volunteers from Bishop's Stortford Nationwide Bank who worked tirelessly on Wednesday to dig out bramble and nettle roots. Peter has also worked very hard over the last few weeks preparing the ground and planting trees.



Reminders and Updates

Good Luck

Good luck to Kirsty in class 12 who has been selected to represent East Herts in the County Interschool's swimming competition!

Congratulations

Olivia in class 11 has been a successful member of the Karate England squad over the last 18 months and she has been selected to represent Karate Sport England in an Invitational Event in Donegal, Republic of Ireland, in May.

Attendance Procedure

If your child will not be attending school for any reason, please remember to call the school and leave a message on the absence line.

Dinner Money Reminder

If you are owing dinner money for this half term, your child should have brought a letter home this week. Please make a payment as soon as possible. Thank you

School Association

With just 4 weeks to go until this year's Summer Fayre [on Saturday 9th June](#) the organising team are full throttle! Hopefully you'll have seen the link sent out by email earlier this week so sign up to volunteer on a stall. This fun event and fantastic fundraiser can't happen without a little help from you so please sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4aafac2ea6fe3-summer>

We still have some space available for external stalls so if you have a small business you'd like to promote or something to sell please get in touch via ptanorthgate@gmail.com or contact me via the school office.

Thanks for supporting your PTA

Louisa Piercy
(Chair)

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Emily
(pm) - Evlyn

Reception: (R1) - Dilys
(R2) - Penelope

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for openers, extending sentences, beautiful handwriting, figurative language and presentation.

Well done to:

Class 1: Meriel	Class 7: Ella
Class 2: Sakeena	Class 8: Sophie
Class 3: Thomas C	Class 9: Ava
Class 4: Ryan	Class 10: Robert
Class 5: Alex	Class 11: Lottie
Class 6: Finlay	Class 12: Amelia & Livvy

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PACT for Autism

Aspects are organising a free "Drop-In" Information Event" with representatives from services and activities for children and adults. Individuals, Parents and Professionals All Welcome!

Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Community

Bishop's Stortford Carnival and Fun Day 2018

This year's Carnival will take place on 16th June and the theme is "Celebrating Stortford" where fantastic local performers, community groups, residents and businesses will showcase the best of Bishop's Stortford in the Carnival Parade and Fun Day. We are also thrilled to welcome amazing arena attractions and entertainers from further afield. Don't miss the Carnival Cruise with a special array of working and pleasure boats moored along the river. Altogether it promises to be a great day out for all ages. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Free Family Fishing Day

As part of a general promotion by The Angling Trust, The Bishops Stortford and District Angling Society are holding a FREE Family fishing Day to try and encourage children (and their Mums & Dads) to enjoy fishing.

This is a free event with all the fishing equipment and bait supplied. We also have a professional coach (with appropriate insurance) in attendance to give tips and advice.

There is no need to book - just turn up on the day.

Please find a poster attached which has all the details about the event.