

June 8th 2018

## Headteacher's News

### Summer Fayre 2018



**Saturday 9th June 11am-2pm**

#### Please remember to come along and support the school!

This important event is a great fun get-together for all our children and families. Please come on Saturday and bring family and friends...

Have Lunch at the Fayre! Lunch and a bbq will be available.

The children have enjoyed the non-uniform day today and we are grateful for the wonderful bottles tombola prizes and bottles that have been kindly donated.

It will be a fun day with lots to eat, do and buy!

Raffle Tickets Please bring in the money and stubs for the sold raffle tickets and return any unsold tickets so they can be sold on the day.

We always appreciate the wonderful job the Association do in fundraising for the school, allowing us, this year, to really enhance learning with our new laptops and funded our curriculum weeks, among other things.

#### Class Mixing

Last year, for the first time, we mixed classes at the end of year 2 and the end of year 4 for many reasons including;

- To ensure that the classes are balanced, particularly in response to pupil transfer and transition
- To enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school
- To build children's key skills of resilience, teamwork, tolerance etc.

We believe this year has been successful and we still share the belief that changing classes every year group would not be necessary for the children to benefit from the above criteria. Therefore, we will be once again re-organising the children in current classes 3,4,7, and 8 so the children would start year 3 and year 5 in new classes. The arrangements for class mixing are based on the professional judgements of Class Teachers, Team Leaders and the Headteacher. We will spend time looking at the classes, using all of the knowledge we have of every child, to come up with the new groupings. Our aim is that both classes are balanced and we will take into account the following information—ages, gender mix, learning needs, friendship groups, children who work well together and children who do not work well together. The children have already given the teachers ideas on their friendships.

I appreciate change can cause anxieties but believe that current year 3 and 5 have benefitted from working with other children and the majority quickly adapted to the change. I also wish to reassure you that we will always consider what is in the best interests of individual children and classes as a whole when making decisions.

If your child is currently in Year 2 or 4, you will receive information about which class your child will be in at the start of July when we announce the new class teachers. In order to ease the transition into their new classes the children will have several opportunities over the last 2 weeks of term to mix in their new groupings. We believe class mixing will support the children to make the most of their learning experience enabling them to achieve their very best, and to develop a wide range of skills and qualities, so they are best prepared for life beyond Northgate.

## Important Dates

9th June	<b>SUMMER FAYRE</b>
9th June	Year 6 Hockerill Taster Day
w/c 11th June	Year 1 Phonics Assessments
11th June	Music for Schools Assembly
11th June	2pm Year 2 Minibeast Hunt
14th June	<b>9.15am - 2.30pm Girls Kwik Cricket at Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club</b>
14th June	Music For Schools Parents Meeting
15th June	2.50pm Yr3 Work Sharing
15th June	2.50pm Yr5 Work Sharing
18th June	Class Photos
20th June	7pm Science Curriculum Evening
22nd June	2.50pm Yr4 Work Sharing
22nd June	School Association Discos <b>5.00pm-6.00pm EYFS &amp; KS1</b> <b>6.15pm-7.30pm KS2</b>
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 <b>followed by Bounce &amp; BBQ</b>
9th July	Get Active Week
12th July	Move Up Morning
12th July	Yr 2 Transition to KS2 meeting
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 <b>2pm</b>
3rd & 4th Sep	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
5th Sep	<b>Children Return to School</b>
	<b>*Red = New Item</b>

### Safeguarding

Please remember we are having a practice fire drill on **Monday, 25th June** and will be evacuating the whole school to the site of the Rugby Club. Can parents please 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.

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Art Day

The theme for art day in KS1 and KS2 this year was printing using both natural and man-made materials. Foundation printed using their hands, feet and fingers. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and they produced some excellent prints. A big thank you to the parent helpers.



### Cricket

On Wednesday, Northgate took 2 teams to the annual Inter-schools Cricket Competition at Howe Green. The B team did very well, winning 2 matches, finishing a very respectable 6th place overall. Northgate A played tremendously well, they managed to make it all the way to the final where they met St Josephs. In a nail biting encounter, which went down to the final ball, Northgate managed to win by two runs. There was also individual success for Ediz, who was named fielder of the tournament and Pearl, who was the batter of the day, for her big hitting 6's! Well done to all the children who took part; they were a credit to the school.

### Year 4 Tag Rugby

"Classes 7 and 8 went to a tag rugby competition on Thursday at BSRC. We played various teams and schools. It was about the skills, not scoring tries and winning" ...**Sam F** (class 7)

"We all played very well together, everybody really enjoyed it and we were inspired to join a club. We all got certificates to take home for participating" ... **Bella** (class 7)

### Cricket v St Joseph's

On Thursday, Northgate A and B cricket teams played St Josephs in a repeat of the previous day's final. Northgate A were the winners, this time by 31 runs. In a very close encounter, the B team ended up losing by 8 runs. Well done to all the children who took part.

## Reminders and Updates

### School Uniform

If you wish to purchase school uniform from Fosters Schoolwear, Suzi Foster will be in the school playground on Sports Day with any "click and collect" orders of uniform that have been ordered before 15th June. She will be here until 3.00pm.

Any new nursery or reception parents must place an order by Friday, 29th June if they wish to collect the uniform on sports day. Any queries must be directed to Fosters on 01279 653865 or at [info@fostersschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:info@fostersschoolwear.co.uk)

### Vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you know anyone in the local community (parents, grandparents, friends, relatives or neighbours) who could work during lunchtimes in the school please contact the school office. This could be five days a week or two or three days a week. Thank you

### Bishop's Stortford Lawn Tennis Club

Please could parents attending the school fayre this Saturday not park in the tennis club car parks. Junior and adult league home matches taking place at the club will require parking to be available in their car parks for players and parents travelling from distant away clubs.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Ria  
(pm) - Kai

Reception: (R1) - Jack  
(R2) - Freddie

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their range of artistic skills.

Well done to:

Class 1: Grace	Class 7: Rourke
Class 2: Matilda	Class 8: Finley C
Class 3: Alfie A	Class 9: Hattie
Class 4: Charlie R	Class 10: Callum
Class 5: Zac & Kimball	Class 11: Eve
Class 6: Imogen	Class 12: Amelia

## Science Curriculum Evening

On Wednesday 20th June, between 7pm and 8pm, we are holding a Science Curriculum Evening. Please meet for a short introduction talk in the main hall before visiting classrooms. Teachers have prepared a fantastic range of practical activities, work and photos to share so that you are able to see what Science looks like at Northgate, including some lovely pond dipping activities! We hope to see many of you there.

## Work Sharing

### Year 3 /5 Work Sharing

Work sharing for Years 3 and 5 will be at:

2.50pm next **Friday, 15th June**

## Music

### Music for Schools

Music for Schools will be coming to school at **6pm next Thursday, 14th June** for parents to bring the children, to find out more about their music lessons and try out the instruments.

### Woodwind of Stortford

Woodwind of Stortford came into school for the KS2 assembly yesterday and performed a variety of songs from film and TV. They also spoke to the children about the different instruments they play.