

June 22nd 2018

Headteacher's News

I am delighted to announce that this week the Nursery and Reception gained the National Early Years Quality Mark. It looked in detail at the quality of the provision and the feedback given was that it was 'exceptional'. The staff have worked extremely hard over recent months to enhance the quality of teaching and learning, with the outdoor environment particularly improved to really develop high quality learning experiences. Thank you to Mrs Boom who has led the project. Feedback said that the children were all highly engaged and successful learners. Thank you also to the parents who gave up their time to talk to the assessor and to all the staff who have worked extremely hard, particularly Miss Clark and Mrs Aziz. Well done to Jenny and the kitchen staff who were awarded five stars (the highest mark possible) in their Environmental Health Check this week.

Whole School Evacuation

Don't forget the whole school evacuation next, **Monday, 25th June** to the site of the Rugby Club to practice what would happen if there was a serious incident at school and we had to evacuate the site. This is the first time we have done this so please be patient. Can parents please pick up their children from the **Rugby Club** at the end of the school day. All teachers will need to hand over children to adults as we would in a real event. We will wait until **all** the children are at the Rugby Club before dismissing them. The children will be bringing their belongings with them ready to go straight home. 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.

Year 3 Celtic Harmony

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Celtic Harmony Camp yesterday, where they travelled back in time to the Stone Age. They learnt how to start a fire, build dens, trade, hunt and gather, as well as flint (soap) knapping.



Science Curriculum Evening

On Wednesday, 20th June, we held a Science Curriculum Evening for parents. It focussed on practical activities and the progression across the year groups. All the teachers were present, having worked really hard to prepare a range of practical activities - a big thank you to all involved and the parents who attended. For more information and handouts, please visit our new Science Section on the school website.

Parent Quotes: "An excellent evening. Obviously a lot of effort has gone into it. Really enthusiastic staff who clearly explained experiments and concepts!" "Fantastic pond dipping!" "Very interesting!"

As parent numbers were very low, we will consider an alternative time, rather than the evening, which will hopefully be more convenient for similar events.

Important Dates

24th June	Rickling RunFest
25th June	Fire Evacuation Practice
26th June	Reception audio tests and dental talk
26th June	4pm Speech & Drama Presentation
27th June	7pm EYFS New Parent Meeting
29th June	9.15 DSPL3 Transition Workshop
30th June	Allycats Taster Day
2nd July	Yr4 Stansted Mountfitchet Castle
	Yr 4 Birchwood Games
2nd July	Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Rhodes
3rd July	Year 5/6 production at Rhodes
3rd July	2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
4th July	Yr5 British Museum
5th July	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
5th July	2.45pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
6th July	Happy Bag Collection
6th July	Sports Day followed by BBQ & Bounce
9th July	Get Active Week
9th July	Yr1 Hatfield Forest
10th July	Yr2 Colchester Zoo
11th July	Nursery - Daisy May Farm
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
18th July	School Nurse to talk to new Reception parents
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

Once again, we have had tremendous problems with double parking and people showing no consideration for others this week. Please make sure you park and drive considerately around the school. Thank you

Enriching the Curriculum

Football at Birchwood

Fourteen children from year 3 participated in a friendly football tournament at Birchwood on Tuesday afternoon. The two teams played well and represented Northgate with pride. They faced some tough competition but dug deep and never gave up. It was lovely to see a cross section of footballing abilities all working together. Well played teams!

Reminders and Updates

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Last Friday, four year 5 children made the long journey all the way to Stevenage to represent Northgate and Bishop's Stortford at the County Finals Maths Challenge. Having already won the local competition, the children were competing against the cream of Hertfordshire's year 5 mathematicians. A big well done to Sam R, Koko, Fadlullah and Erin who took part; although they did not win, they were a credit to the school and did very well to reach the finals.

Drinks, Hats and Sun Cream

Please remember to send your children to school with hats and water bottles and apply sun cream before school. For reasons of allergies we cannot allow sun cream in school.

Sports Day

The timings for Sports Day are as follows:

9.15am—10.15am Foundation

10.45am—12.15pm KS1

1.00pm—3.00pm KS2

New Reception Children (September)

Emails have been sent this afternoon, to parents of children starting in Reception in September, giving details of class teachers and staggered starts.

If you have a child starting in Reception in September, please make sure you check your emails.

Speech & Drama Club

The presentation to parents will take place in the School Hall from 4pm on Tuesday, 26th June. This will be a great opportunity for you to see for yourselves the type of things we've been getting up to in our lunchtime club! We look forward to seeing as many of you who are able to come along as possible – please note that siblings are welcome too if this makes things easier for many of you.

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

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

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

NNAM: Martha R1: Freya

NNPM: James C R2: Theo

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for being polite, friendly and helpful.

Well done to:

Class 1: Hannah Class 7: Sophie

Class 2: Ava Class 8: Adam

Class 3: Erin Class 9: Toby

Class 4: Fatimah Class 10: Davide

Class 5: Isla Class 11: Nissi

Class 6: Jessie Class 12: Rene

NED Show –Wednesday, 27th June

The NED Show is visiting Northgate!

This 45 minute character education assembly promotes positive attitudes and encourages students and staff to do their best every day.

Our school gets the assembly at no cost because we are hosting a Pay-It-Forward Sale. With each purchase, you help:

- Send the NED Show to visit another school at no cost.
- Share a timeless toy and the fun of learning yo-yo tricks

A small portion of each yo-yo sold will be allocated to your nearest Children's Hospital affiliate as part of their corporate sponsorship.

Yo-yos and accessories will be available for 5 days after the show and these will be for sale in the playground after school.

Yo-yos will cost £5, £8 and £11, with other accessories available.

Please send your child in with some money in an envelope, if they wish to purchase one.

There will be a designated yo-yo area on the school field at playtime and lunchtime.

School Association

Bounce & BBQ

The next Association event is the annual Bounce & BBQ that follows on from sports day on Friday, 6th July. This is also our last event of the year and always a fantastic afternoon.

Footie fans will be pleased to hear we are planning to have a screen up so no one misses any crucial games!

As usual, to make it happen and happen safely we will be asking for volunteers; for wristband sales, for help on the bar/bbq and to marshall the bouncy castles. So please do try and spare some time on the day and sign up on the survey monkey that will be sent out early next week.

There's also a **happy bag collection** the same morning so please fill your bags with unwanted clothing and leave them in the bike shelter in the staff car park before then.

Many thanks—Northgate Association

Community

Cheerleaders Workshop

Cressy MacDonald-Williams, our lunch time Cheerleading coach, is running a Stortford Cheerleaders workshop during the summer holiday. Please see the attached flyer for further information.