

March 16th 2018

Headteacher's News

You could hear the buzz of excitement around learning this week with our Dazzling Discovery Week. Starting with the inter-house competition of parachuting eggs, the children's engagement, curiosity and developing scientific skills have been amazing over the last few days. We wish to thank the School Association for paying for Fab Science, who have led forces workshops, which the classes thoroughly enjoyed.

It was great to see so many parents and grandparents working their budding young scientists in a wide range of science experiments in the mornings. I would like to thank Miss Jones, our science subject leader, and the staff for preparing this inspiring week for us. Next week will also be involving many exciting events for Sports Relief. Please see details on the following page.

"It is my advice to young scientists to be curious and try to make sense of what you see....Despite recent triumphs, there are many new and deep mysteries that you can solve....Everyone needs a basic understanding of science to make an informed decision about the future."... Stephen Hawking.

Dazzling Science Week

"We made our eggs into pets and made a house for them. We tested it with cotton wool and dropped water on top. The cotton wool soaked up the water like a sponge so it isn't waterproof". ..**Jackson** (R1)

"We made boats to carry eggs. We put our foil boat in the tray, but our boat was too heavy on one side and it capsized. I have really enjoyed science week and the egg challenges" ... **Olivia** (C4)

"In our Fab science session we had a glass milk bottle and a ping pong ball. We filled the bottle with water until it was overflowing and put the ball on top but it didn't fall off! We tried with different amounts of water to see what would happen. It was really fun!"... **Katherine** (C5)

"On Tuesday, I went to a forensics day hosted by Birchwood. We took fingerprints by pressing our fingers into pencil led, it was really fun! I also learned how to use a microscope."... **Ethan** (C11)



Please find the following documents attached:
Northgate Science Principles
Supporting with Science at Home

Important Dates

19th Mar	11.20am Nursery am Work Sharing 2.45pm Nursery pm Work Sharing 2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
20th Mar	2.45pm Year 2 Work Sharing
22nd Mar	2.15pm Year 5 Instrumental Concert
22nd Mar	3.00pm Year 5 Work Sharing
23rd Mar	2.15pm Year 6 Instrumental Concert
23rd Mar	3.00pm Year 4 Work Sharing
23rd Mar	3.15pm School Association Cake Sale
26th Mar	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
27th Mar	2.45pm Year 6 Work Sharing
28th Mar	Years 3/4 Show (2pm, 7pm afternoon performances)
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
16th Apr	Children Return to School
20th Apr	School Association Film Night
23rd—27th Apr	Book Fair Week Reading with Parents: 2.45-3.15pm Upper KS2 2.45-3.15pm KS1 2.45-3.15pm EYFS 2.45-3.15pm Lower KS2
24th Apr	
25th Apr	
26th Apr	
27th Apr	
12th May	School Association Casino Night
14th May	SATs Week
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
9th June	Summer Fayre
6th July	Sports Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018
3rd & 4th Sep	INSET DAYS
5th Sep	Children Return to School

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

Medicines

If your child needs any medicine (prescription or over the counter), even items such as throat lozenges, please be advised that medicines must be in their original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. Children must not bring medicines to school, they need to be brought in by an adult and handed in/collected to/from the school office. An Administration of Medication form must be completed and handed in at the school office by the parent/carer. Forms can be obtained from the school office or can be found on the school website. Parents need to be aware of expiry dates and replace items such as inhalers and auto-injectors prior to expiry.

Enriching the Curriculum

Hi-5 Netball at Birchwood

A huge well done to our netball teams who took part in the Hi-5 netball tournament at Birchwood yesterday. Despite the rather soggy conditions, both teams played fantastically well. The B Team narrowly missed out on their final, having drawn or won all of their games. The A Team demonstrated excellent teamwork skills, winning all of their games to earn a place in their final but sadly lost 3-1. You were all brilliant!

Sport Relief

As part of Sport Relief, each day next week the children will be taking part in a different sporting/PE event: Hula Hoop Monday, Skipping Rope Tuesday and Hockey Wednesday (This will be in memory of Mrs Shillito who played Hockey for Bishop's Stortford. We would like to thank the coaches and members of the Bishop's Stortford Hockey Club who will be running the sessions.), Boogie Thursday and Footy Friday. We advise KS2 children to bring in shin pads, a gum shield and their own hockey stick if they would like for the hockey. These will not be sponsored events but if you would like to make a donation towards Sport Relief, please bring this in on Wednesday and hand it in to the class teacher.

Year 5 and 6 Instrumental Concerts will be taking place next week on Thursday, 22nd March (Yr5) and Friday 23rd March (Yr6), starting at **2.00pm**. The Year 5 children will be practicing on Wednesday, 21st March and Year 6 on Monday, 19th March, so they will also need to bring their instruments then. The orchestra will start the concert, followed by the solo pieces, ending with all the children singing a song. The Year 5 concert will be followed by their work sharing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 3/4 Production

We are looking forward to the Year 3/4 production of Wind in the Willows on Wednesday, 28th March. Tickets are limited to a maximum of two per family. We appreciate some families would like more but we are limited for space. The door will be open at 1.45pm for the afternoon performance and 6.45pm for the evening performance and the children need to be back at school for 6.30pm. Please can the children bring their costumes into school by Wednesday, 21st March.

Reminders and Updates

Work Sharing

Nursery am	11.20am Monday, 19th March
Nursery pm	2.45pm Monday, 19th March
Reception	2.45pm Monday, 19th March
Year 1	2.45pm Monday, 26th March
Year 2	2.45pm Tuesday, 20th March
Year 4	3.00pm Friday, 23rd March
Year 5	3.00pm Thursday, 22nd March
Year 6	2.45pm Tuesday, 27th March

Happy Bags

We are pleased to inform you that the Happy Bags raised £194.35 for the school. Thank you to all those who brought in bags. The next collection will be Friday, 6th July 2018.

Lost Property

Some money has been found in school, if you think you have lost any, please contact the school office.

Knitting Club

Mrs Wilson would like to start doing crocheting in knitting club. If you have any spare hooks, please could you bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery:	(am) - Franky
	(pm) - Kai
Reception:	(R1) - James
	(R2) - Anya

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their high level questioning, teamwork and sharing ideas.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Charlie	Class 7:	Amber
Class 2:	Eva	Class 8:	Jacob
Class 3:	Noah	Class 9:	Harriet
Class 4:	Charlie T	Class 10:	Elizabeth C
Class 5:	Kimball	Class 11:	Charlotte G
Class 6:	Honey	Class 12:	Nicolas

School Association

The Easter cake sale is on Friday March 23rd. This term it's the turn of KS2 to bake goodies to sell in the playgrounds after school. Plates will be sent home to KS2 only on Friday/Monday. Items will be on sale priced at 30p each, 4 for £1 and £3-4 for large cakes. WE STILL NEED SOME HELP to man the tables from 3pm - 3:45pm. If you can help please email me at louise.tennekoon@btinternet.com or text on 07868 736127. Thank you.

Community

The Hub Church are organising a 'Kids Funday' on Saturday, 31st March. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Understanding Teens is a free 6 week workshop for parents/carers of children aged 11+ funded by HCC. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Disco Divas Easter Holiday Workshop is taking place on Tuesday, 10th April and the Bishop's Park Community Centre. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Stortford Cheerleaders

Join Stortford Cheerleaders for a workshop day on Thursday, 12th April. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

HECC Training and Easter Camp

Please see the attached flyers for cricket training and Easter Camp at HECC