

September 7th 2018

Headteacher's News

Welcome back to a new school year and a warm welcome to all our new families. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and your children have had a good start to the new year. It has been fantastic to see everyone back settling in so quickly.

We welcome a number of new staff— Miss Nolan, our Class 5 teacher, Miss Mash, the new Class 10 teacher and Miss Ward who will be working in Class 7 with Mrs Gavin. Mrs Molyneux has joined our team as our new specialist PE teacher and Mrs Newman has started as our new music teacher. Miss Cojeen has joined our office team.

We wish to send our congratulations to Miss Greaves who is 22 weeks pregnant.

Thank you to Mr Parker and all the staff who worked so hard over the summer to make our school environment such as positive one.

I am at the gate most mornings so please catch me or pop into the office if you would like to make an appointment. If you would like an appointment with your child's class teacher, please ask in the office or arrange it at the end of the day with their teacher. We do not allow adults around the back of the school in the mornings for safeguarding reasons. From Year 1 onwards, parents/carers must drop off their children at the main entrance and they walk round to their classroom on their own. Adults who need to come into school must sign in at the office.

As ever we endeavour to provide our children with a wide enriched curriculum, so have a number of special days and weeks planned, our first being Inspirational Maths Week. See more details below.

Parental involvement

We value your support and involvement in the school and there are a number of ways for you to become involved:

Guided Reading

We are looking for more parents who would like to help with reading in KS1 on one day a week or more from 9.00am to 9.20am. Having an adult with each group, makes a huge difference to the children's learning. Please email the office on their admin address if you are interested, making it clear if you would like to support in your child's or another class, or catch Mrs Pratt after school. Guided reading will start next **Wednesday, 12th September** with a supporting reading safeguarding training session. All guided readers are needed for an introductory session and coffee and biscuits with Mrs Tanner. Please sign in at the office and make your way to the dining room.

Inspirational Maths Week

Mrs Clynes is organising a Maths Week, starting from 24th September, to help inspire children to become confident mathematicians. Once again we are inviting relations to come in for the first 20 minutes and play maths games with their child. Please see the dates on the Important Dates List.

Other Support

If you are interested in committing time each week to volunteering in a class or in the library, helping children change books or with simple admin work, please let the office or your child's class teacher know.

Important Dates

Mon 10th Sep	9.00am Yr 2 Mt the Teacher 2.45pm Yr 3 Mt the Teacher
Tues 11th Sep	9.00am Yr 1 Mt the Teacher 2.45pm Yr 5 Mt the Teacher
Wed 12th Sep	9.00am Yr 4 Mt the Teacher 2.45pm Yr 6 Mt the Teacher
Mon 17th Sep	2.45pm Rec Mt the Teacher
Wed 19th Sep	11.15am Nursery Mt the Teacher 2.45pm Nursery Mt the Teacher

(parents can attend either session, regardless of children's session)

24th Sep

Tues 25th Sep

Wed 26th Sep

Thurs 27th

Fri 28th Sep

Wed 10th Oct

Thurs 11th Oct

Fri 19th Oct

Half term

Fri 2nd Nov

Mon 5th Nov

Tues 6th Nov

Wed 14th Nov

Thurs 15th Nov

Tues 4th Dec

Thurs 6th Dec

Sat 8th Dec

Fri 21st Dec

Mon 7th Jan 19

Half Term

Mon 25th Feb 19

Tues 26th Feb 19

Fri 5th Apr 19

Tues 23rd Apr 19

Half term

Mon 3rd Jun 19

Tues 4th Jun 19

Sat 9th Jun 19

Tues 23rd July 19

Wed 24th July 19

Inspirational Maths Week

9am EYFS maths games with parents

9am LKS2 maths games with parents

9am UKS2 maths games with parents

9am KS1 maths games with parents

2.50pm EYFS Harvest Assembly

9.00am KS1 Harvest Assembly

School Disco (times tbc)

29th Oct - 2nd Nov 2019

Association Fireworks Night

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

2.45pm Yr 2 Spelling & Phonics w/s

2.45pm Yr 1 Spelling & Phonics w/s

10am and 2pm

Nursery/Little Ladybirds Xmas Concert

2pm Reception Xmas Concert

Christmas Market

Term Ends at 2.00pm

Children Return to School

18th - 22nd Feb 19

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

Term Ends at 2.00pm

Children Return to School

27th - 31st May 2019

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

Association Summer Ball

End of Term at 2.00pm

Occasional Day

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

The latest Herts for Learning eSafety Newsletter for parents is attached. Please take a look as it provides very useful information regarding current eSafety news and tips.

Secondary Transfer

Year 6 children will be bringing home a "Secondary Transfer 2018" leaflet today. Please be aware that applications can be made on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and applications **MUST** be made by 31st October 2018.

Harvest

Each year we celebrate harvest as a school and we would like to invite the KS1 parents (Year 1 and Year 2) to their harvest assembly on Thursday, 11th October at 9.00am. We would also like to invite the EYFS parents (Nursery and Reception) to their harvest assembly on Wednesday 10th October at 2.50pm. Unfortunately due to lack of space, we are unable to fit KS2 and all their parents in the hall so the children will share work between themselves.

Newsletter

The newsletter is our main form of communication to parents and it is usually sent out on Friday by eSchools. If you are not receiving emails or your email address changes, please let the office know ASAP.

School Dinners

The cost of school meals for the first half of the autumn term is as follows:

Every Day: £91.20

Wednesdays Only: £19.20

Fridays Only: £19.20

Wednesday and Fridays: £38.40

ePay is the preferred method of payment. Any cheques should be made payable to Northgate Primary School.

Foundation

Please note Nursery / Little Ladybirds and Reception will be performing separate Christmas concerts. Nursery / Little Ladybirds will have 2 performances and Reception will have one (please see the Important Date List above for further details).

We realise there was some confusion over dropping off your children. Children are to be dropped off and collected at the outside classroom door and are not expected to come through the main gates on their own.

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

School Association

Dates for the upcoming Association events are as follows:

Friday 19th October	School Disco
Saturday 8th December	Christmas Market
Friday 2nd November	Fireworks Night
Saturday 8th June 2019	Summer Ball

Uniform Reminders

It was great to see all the children looking so smart at the start of term. Just to remind you **all items must be named**.

Skirts and trousers must be smart school wear. The Upper Key Stage 2 children are expected to wear a shirt and tie. Ties are optional in Lower Key Stage 2. Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights (or with the lights turned off). Children are not allowed to wear trainers, fashion shoes or boots.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings or other jewellery in school. Also smart watches must not be worn in school. Hair accessories must be in school colours, yellow or bottle green.

PE kit

All children will now be expected to wear bottle green shorts with their white t-shirts and a bottle green tracksuit.

Water bottles

Please could you make sure your children's water bottles measure no more than 15cm in height (with the top off) as taller bottles do not fit in the machine and this is causing regular flooding of the dining room floor. Thank you

Second Hand Uniform

We have a lot of second hand uniform in very good condition, particularly PE kit. This will be on sale in the main reception area on Fridays. Please come and have a look.

Sale of New School Uniform

Mrs Parrish will be in the main reception area after school on Monday, 17th September selling school uniform. She stocks items such as skirts, pinafores and trousers, polo shirts, PE shorts, PE tops and PE bags (choice of 2 types).

Payment on collection of your order is by cash or cheque. Please request bank details and total if you wish to pay directly into the bank before collecting your order.

Parking

Please remember to show consideration to others when driving and parking near the school. Please do not use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up your children and do not walk through the staff car park. This is for safeguarding reasons. Thank you

Community

Bishop's Stortford Fire Station Open Day

The next fire station open day will take place from 11.00am to 3.00pm on Saturday, 15th September. Please come along and support your local fire station.