

May 4th 2018

Headteacher's News

Another week has whizzed by, with the children working hard and showing a positive attitude towards their learning. We have been particularly impressed with year 6, who have been very focused. We have some wonderful new displays up around the school, displaying a range of high quality writing. Have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.



Reception have written about the exciting hatching of the chicks in their class. They also looked at the life cycle of a chicken.



Year two have shared their writing on exploring a relative's garden. They used some fantastic adjectives.



Year Four have displayed their stunning water-colours along with their descriptive writing of The Great Wave.



Year Five have been writing a newspaper report on the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Reception Visit to Willows Farm

Reception had a wonderful trip to Willows Farm this week. They experienced handling and feeding some animals, as well as watching a Peter Rabbit show and having a ride on a tractor! They have been doing lots of follow up work in literacy linked to the trip. Also, a very big thank you to all the parent helpers.



Important Dates

7th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
12th May	School Association Casino Night - POSTPONED
14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
14th May	Reception - School Nurse
24th May	12.45pm Year 6 Crucial Crew
24th May	2.30pm Year 3 Music Concert
25th May	2.30pm Year 4 Music Concert
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
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

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force later this month. As a school we are currently looking at our Privacy Notice, some policies, staff training and a school audit. Further information to follow, including what changes we will have to make.

Reminders and Updates

Monday, 7th May

Please remember that next **Monday, 7th May** is a bank holiday and therefore school will be closed.

SOS

The School Association have kindly purchased lots of new reading books for Foundation and KS1. These books will need sorting and stamping so if you have an hour to spare in the week commencing 14th May, please let the office know.

Year 6 Rotary Art Competition

On Monday, 30th April an exhibition was held by the Rotary Club at Bishop's Stortford College. 20 pieces of artwork were entered into the competition by Y6. Class winners were Eliza and Giada. Special credits were also given to Nyasha and Annie. Giada also won 2nd prize overall in the competition. Well done to all the Yr6 children involved!

KS2 Cake Sale

On Tuesday, Zoe, Georgia and Finlay B from class 9 held a cake sale and raised just over £120.00 for the WWF. Well done!

Transporting Children to Competitions

If you think you may transport your child to and from sports competitions, we require you to bring in the following documents:

- Driving Licence
- Car Insurance
- MOT
- Tax

These can be checked at the school office and a clearance form will be signed by a member of office staff.

New Forms System

We will now be sending out all sports letters via email and responses will need to be made using an online form. A Link will be present in all emails and by clicking on the link it will take you to a simple form to complete. We hope this will reduce our carbon footprint, whilst making it easier for you to keep on top of school business.

From after half term there will be 2 new school clubs:

- Multisport— Yr 1/2 with Miss Freeman
- Rounders—Yr 3/4 with Mrs Chapman

Dressing Up

If you have any large dressing up hats that you no longer require, please could we have them for the playground. Thank you

School Association

At last the sun is shining and we are looking forward to our next event, the Summer Fayre. On Saturday 9th June we will be bringing the seaside to Northgate! Think sea, sand, shipwrecks and fun and games on the Northgate Pier. Of course we cannot make this event happen without your help and will be sending out a link to a Signup Genius early next week, asking you to volunteer to help, either on your designated class stall, the BBQ or bar, or with general set up and tidy up duties. So pop a note in your diary and keep an eye out for the email.

Thanks for your ongoing support of Association events.
Northgate Association

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Luca
(pm) - Samuel
Reception: (R1) - Olivia
(R2) - Georgia

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for solving challenging problems, reasoning, independent learning and growth mindset.

Well done to:

Class 1: Quincy	Class 7: Harry
Class 2: Emily	Class 8: Fin M
Class 3: Abbie	Class 9: Sam
Class 4: Marley	Class 10: Elizabeth B
Class 5: Joshua	Class 11: Ewan & Ciara
Class 6: Jessie	Class 12: Olivia Kir

Our new learning power this half term is **Creative Thinking Chameleons**. The children are praised for thinking outside the box, asking curious questions and developing their own ideas. This week in assembly, some of our chameleons were Alfie (C3), Joshua and James (C11), Sam (C8)

Community

In Hertfordshire there are over 800 children and young people in care and many live with Hertfordshire's foster carers. Each month, we receive an average of 55 requests for new foster placements, particularly for children aged 10+, sibling groups and those with more complex needs. Foster carers need to have a spare bedroom and be able to provide stability when children are unable to live with their own family. Hertfordshire County Council still need to urgently recruit more foster carers in order to give these children the best possible future. Foster carers come from all different kinds of backgrounds. Whatever your circumstances, we would love to hear from you if you feel you could inspire children and young people to reach their full potential. You would receive support, with full training and a generous allowance for your dedicated work. Alternatively, could you please consider ways in which your business or organisation could help promote the need to recruit new carers? This could be by displaying our posters, merchandise, banners, promoting within your internal communication channels or holding an open event within your workplace.

For more information on fostering for Hertfordshire County Council, please call

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fostering.recruitment@hertfordshire.gov.uk or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering