

December 1st 2017

## Headteacher's News

Once again it was great to see so many parents for work sharing this week. The children really enjoy sharing their learning, and it is great to see the progress the children have made this term.

Our work on **eSafety** this week has been informative and useful. Coram Life Education, who came in and led sessions, have some activities your children can do at home to strengthen their understanding on safe use of the internet. For example, Picture Wise is an activity where you decide which photos are ok to make public. These can be found at <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/bcyberwise/picture-wise>

We have a very busy next two and a half weeks with all our Christmas activities. The children have been working hard to share some wonderful performances with you. Please check dates, times and pick up details.

We also look forward to see you at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 9th from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Please support your PTA, who do an amazing job raising money for your children. For example, it is the PTA who fund the KS2 pantomime and EYFS and KS1 entertainer, which the children enjoy so much. Hopefully see you there!

### KS2 Cyber Workshops and eSafety Meeting

The children really enjoyed the cyber workshops this week. There was a focus on cyber bullying and how to tackle it, social networking and all aspects of becoming safe online. Thank you to all the parents who attended the eSafety meeting.

### Year 1 and 2 Work Sharing

The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their topic work this week and the staff would like to thank the parents for their ongoing support.

### Year 4 Work Sharing

Year 4 had an exciting afternoon showing off their fantastic work from this term. Parents enjoyed seeing topic work on Native Americans, especially their dreamcatchers and wonderful diary entries.

### Rapid Fire Cricket

"I think the Rapid Fire Cricket was fun and I enjoyed it" ....**Thomas** (class 7)

We had a good start and played really well but mid-way through, at the quarter final, we lost. We really enjoyed ourselves.....**Amber** (class 7)

### Table Tennis

Yesterday, four girls and four boys from class 11 went to play St Michaels at the BSHS in a table tennis competition. Fortunately, we beat St Michaels 8-3 and we will all be moving on to the County Finals in Watford next Thursday. The people who went to this competition were Luke, Ethan, Callum, Rahul, Annie, Lizzie, Kaitlin and Gemma.

## Important Dates

5th Dec	YR, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Lunch
6th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
6th Dec	Y6 Height and Weight
7th Dec	EYFS Christmas performances
8th Dec	9.30am Prospective Parent Tour
8th Dec	9.00am Year 4 music festival - St Barnabus Centre
8th Dec	Non- uniform day
9th Dec	Christmas Fayre
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
11th Dec	<b>Choir</b> Practice at St Michael's pm
	<b>Choir</b> Carol service at St Michael's (evening)
13th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
14th Dec	Happy Bags Collection
14th Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Michael's
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15th Dec	Puppets Galore
19th Dec	2.00pm End of Term
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holiday
3rd Jan	Children return to school
12th-16th Feb	Half term
19th Feb	Inset Day
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018

\*Red = New Item

## Safeguarding

Please remember, for their own safety, children are not allowed on any of the playground equipment before or after school.

### Medicines

If your child needs any medicine (prescription or over the counter) please be advised that medicines must be in their original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. 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.

### Sponsored Silence

Hi All

Kaitlin and Evie Smith are going to do a sponsored silence from 7am until 7pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. They will have sponsorship forms with them if you are happy to contribute – it would be gratefully received.

My mum passed away from this disease at the age of 60 and Kaitlin obviously didn't get to meet her.

Many thanks  
Sharron Range

### Knitting Club

In knitting club we are making a giant pompom. We would like to make it green and yellow so if anyone has any spare wool in these colour could you please bring it to the school office.

### **Celebration of Achievements**

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Arthur  
(pm) - Samuel  
Reception: (R1) - Jack  
(R2) - Stanley

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Cyber Superstar.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for being Cyber Superstars.

Well done to:

Class 1: Zach	Class 6: Imogen & Frank
Class 2: Ava	Class 7: Evangelene
Class 3: Finley	Class 8: Isabelle
Class 4: Dylan	Class 10: Isaac
Class 5: Charlotte	Class 11: Kaitlin

### **SEND**

The SEND Executive Board has developed an online feedback survey to evaluate all Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services that are provided to schools/parents/carers.

They would like to obtain feedback from anyone who has recently received a SEND service and would appreciate your help at <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/SENDfeedback/>

The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. All feedback is extremely important to us and will be used to help shape the services that can be accessed by schools/parents/carers.

Free online news and information about inclusive sports, courses, support for parents, carers and young people and much more, from Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND) can be found at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews)

### **School Association**

#### Christmas Fayre—Saturday, 9th December 11.00am-2.00pm

The Christmas Fayre is only one week away and we think it's going to be the best Fayre yet! We will have Gameswagon arriving where you can play FIFA and Minecraft - and battle against each other if you wish! Father Christmas will be in his grotto this year looking forward to seeing the children - and give them a present of course! We have some fantastic live music this year from Space-Hoppers, The Bishops Stortford Wind Band and our very own Northgate School Choir! There will be some wonderful festive stalls in the Christmas Market, homemade festive lunch, and lots of festive games including the legendary Year 6 games to play. Our Christmas raffle has the best prizes to date - please bring your tickets and money in to ensure you are entered by Wednesday 6th December. So join us next Saturday for some festive fun and games! Please remember to bring your sweet cups in by Wednesday 6th December and your bottles in on Friday 8th December, which will be a non uniform day.

### **Reminders and updates**

#### Christmas Post box

The Christmas post box will be open from Monday, 4th December. Children need to write full names and class of the child (e.g. Joe Bloggs, Class 1) on the envelope and please could parents of younger children support their children to make it legible. Year 6 children will be sorting and delivering in break/lunchtimes.

#### Christmas Lunch

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2—Tues 5th December

**KS2 will need a packed lunch from home on this day**

KS2—Weds 6th December

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need a packed lunch from home on this day**

Please remember to bring back the slip on the letter previously sent home if your child does not normally have a dinner on this day but would like a Christmas lunch.

#### Year 4 Music Festival

The Year 4 Music Festival will take place from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Friday, 8th December at the St Barnabas Centre.

#### Foundation Concert

The Foundation Concert will take place in school at 9.00am on Thursday, 7th December.

### **School Association (Cont'd)**

#### Personalised Christmas Cards

Today or Monday your child will bring home an order form for personalised Christmas Cards and gifts. To have the items in time for Christmas and make UK last post (20th December) please return your forms to reception by MIDDAY FRIDAY 8th December.

Making sure you have included your art work and correct amount of payment. You can pay by cash or chq made payable to the PTA NOT the school. This is another opportunity to raise a few funds for the PTA (as well as have great cards and gifts). Enjoy.