

November 24th 2017

Headteacher's News

Technology is now part of our everyday lives and eSafety is so important to ensure that our children stay safe when they are online. To support this, next week we are having an eSafety week, where all children will be learning to navigate the online world safely and positively. We are funding for KS2 to be visited by Corum Life Education, who have brought us the Life Bus. Nancy Hughes and Harold the Giraffe will be running workshops for the children from Wednesday to Friday. We hope these will be enjoyable and informative sessions.

There is also an opportunity for parents and carers to attend a workshop from 2-3pm on Friday 1st December. Please contact the school office to sign up for this. Please find a flyer giving further information attached. If you cannot attend this session, but would like to learn more about online safety, there will be an evening session on Monday, 26th February at Summercroft. Please see the other attachment for details about this.

If you wish to know more about how to support your child with eSafety, please look at our school website which has links to many useful websites.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 Spellings and Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who came to the year 2 workshop. The children really enjoyed sharing their work with you. The PowerPoint has been uploaded to eSchools and is in the home learning area.

Year 5 Work Sharing

Year 5 children finished off their WW2 topic by celebrating victory with a banquet of food prepared according to WW2 recipes.

It was a great success and thank you to all parents/carers who could join us.



Mrs Godfrey and Mr Wilcox

Important Dates

27th Nov	eSafety week
28th Nov	9.30am Prospective Parent Tour
28th Nov	2.45pm Year 2 Work Sharing
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
29th Nov	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
30th Nov	Association Cake Sale
1st Dec	Parent eSafety Workshop
1st Dec	9.30am Cricket at HECC
1st Dec	2.45pm Year 4 Work Sharing
5th Dec	R, Yr 1 & Yr2 Christmas Lunch
6th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
6th Dec	Year 6 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
9th Dec	Christmas Fayre
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
11th Dec	Choir Practice at St Michael's pm
	Choir 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

Keeping Children Safe Online in the 21st Century

Aspects will be running workshops presented by 'the 2 Johns' – EST E Safety-CEOP Ambassadors, highly skilled and experienced in training police, teachers and parents. Please see the attached flyer for dates and further information.

Football Success

On Thursday, Northgate girls' football team played Summercroft in a replay of the Hertfordshire Wix Girls' Tournament. The winner of this match would be the Bishop's Stortford Champions and would go on to represent Bishop's Stortford at the County Finals later in the year. In a pulsating



encounter, Northgate found themselves 3-1 down at half time, however an inspired second half performance saw them fight back to win 4-3, after being roared on by an exuberant home crowd. A big well done to all the girls for their achievement, they have shown determination, teamwork, sportsmanship and skill in every match they have played!

On Tuesday, Northgate's Gold and Silver football teams played against Little Hallingbury in the KSL Schools' Football League. The Silver team managed to record back to back wins, with a comprehensive 6-1 win. The Gold Team unfortunately slipped to a 5-2 defeat. To see how both teams are getting on in their respective leagues go to www.kitteridgeallsports.com/kas-schools-football-league.html. The league is on a winter break now and will resume again in February.

School Association

Association Cake Sale - Thursday November 30th

We are organising the cake sale a little differently this year. For a start, we are only asking foundation and KS1 to bake this term - next term it will be the turn of KS2. This is so that you are only asked to bake once per child. We realise that some people have 2 children in Foundation and KS1 - if that's you, don't feel obliged to make double. We will be grateful for whatever contribution you can make.

Goodies will be on sale to the whole school at 3:15pm on November 30th. We will be selling individual cupcakes at 30p, plates of 4 for £1 and also larger cakes for £3.00-£5.00. If you feel like baking something a bit bigger and more exciting, then go ahead and we will price it accordingly. As we are selling cakes/biscuits in batches of 4, we ask that you send them in 4 to a plate please. For this reason, we have sent everyone home with 2 plates. It doesn't mean you have to make twice as much!

Please make sure that any gluten-free or dairy-free items are clearly labelled.

Hopefully this answers any questions you may have and we look forward to seeing you (and your cakes!) next Thursday.

Happy Bags

There will be a Happy Bags clothes recycling collection on the morning of 14th December, between 10am and 11am. The bags will be sent home with the children in their book bags the week before. Filled bags can be left in the bike shelter on or before the morning of the 14th.

Christmas Fayre

Please remember the Northgate Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 9th December 2017 from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Isla
(pm) - Tessa
Reception: (R1) - Freya
(R2) - Tahsin

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on the skills of reading.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for using different strategies to understand different texts.

Well done to:

Class 1: Rose	Class 7: Myles
Class 2: Poppy & Hollie	Class 8: Mixhali
Class 3: Mya	Class 9: Finn
Class 4: Isla	Class 10: Abby
Class 5: Isla	Class 11: Joshua S
Class 6: Ena	Class 12: Libby

Reminders and updates

Year 1 Work Sharing

Year 1 work sharing is at 2.45pm on Wednesday, 29th November.

Year 4 Work Sharing

Year 4 work sharing is at 2.45pm on Wednesday, 1st December.

Parent eSafety Workshop

We will be holding a parent eSafety workshop from 2.00pm-3.00pm on Friday, 1st December. To sign up for this workshop please contact the school office.

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.

Lost Property

Please remember to claim any lost property as items remaining in the boxes after Friday, 15th December will be taken to a charity shop.

End of Term

Please remember term ends on Tuesday, 19th December at **2.00pm**.

Community

Fab Science are bringing a selection box of festive science to Bishop's Stortford this December.

Children aged 5-12 can enjoy five hours of hands on experimenting (while their parents make the most of child-free time in the run up to the big day!). We'll be at Hillmead Primary School on Friday 22nd December. Please see the attached flyer for further details.