

April 20th 2018

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. It was good to see everyone back refreshed ready for the new term and in positive moods with the arrival of the sunshine! Please remember, the next few weeks are a key learning time, particularly in year 2 and year 6, so please ensure that, if at all possible, your children are at school on time everyday and appointments are made after school.

Congratulations to Mrs Shepherd, who is pregnant and will be starting her maternity leave towards the beginning of the Autumn term.

Each half term we consider a different value as our assembly theme. This week we introduced our value of trust, considered its importance and how it takes time to develop. We will continue to discuss this value further over the coming weeks.

Book Fair

We are very lucky to have the Book People providing a Book Fair this year. The books will be here from Monday to Friday next week and will be sold at lunchtimes in the library.

After school, the library doors will be open for parents to come in from the playground and have a look and weather permitting the books will be outside.

Books will cost from £3.00. Northgate will receive 10% commission on sales up to £500, however if we spend over £500, we will receive 25%. Please send your children in with their money in a named envelope.

Work sharing dates

Year 1 - 2.45pm Monday, 16th July

Year 2 - 2.45pm Thursday, 12 July

Year 3 - 2.50pm Friday, 15th June

Year 4—2.50pm Friday 22nd June

Year 5 —2.50pm Friday, 15th June

Year 6 Following Leavers' Assembly Thursday, 19th July

Enriching the Curriculum

Quicksticks

Northgate entered three teams in the hockey tournament at Birchwood yesterday. The A team were tenacious and played excellently as a team. They won three matches and only lost out to St Michael's, who made the finals. The B team tied for third place in their group, ending with a good win. The C team also played well, winning two matches and losing to Manor Fields who made the finals. The commitment and sportsmanship showed by all the children made the team managers proud.



Important Dates

20th Apr	School Association Film Night
23rd—27th Apr	Book Fair Week
	Reading with Parents:
24th Apr	2.45-3.15pm Upper KS2
25th Apr	2.45-3.15pm KS1
26th Apr	2.45-3.15pm Lower KS2
27th Apr	11.15-11.45am EYFS (am)
27th Apr	2.45-3.15pm EYFS (pm)
26th Apr	Class 9 tennis begins
27th Apr	Class 12 tennis begins
1st May	Reception to Willow Farm
1st May	Year 2 SATs begin
7th May	Bank Holiday Monday
12th May	School Association Casino Night
14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
24th May	12.45pm Year 6 Crucial Crew
24th May	2.30pm Year 3 Music Concert
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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
18th June	Class Photos
22nd June	School Association Discos
24th June	Rickling RunFest
3rd July	Year 5/6 product at Rhodes
6th July	Sports Day
9th July	Get Active Week
12th July	Move Up Morning
12th July	Yr 2 Transition to KS2 meeting with parents
17th July	Take Over Day
19th July	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 latest eSafety Newsletter for parents is attached. Please take a look as it provides very useful information regarding current eSafety news and tips.

Girls' Football

"On Wednesday, 18th April, 10 girls in Year 6 (Lizzie, Lottie, Eliza, Evie, Annie, Pearl, Nissi, Olivia, Kaitlin and Hannah) played 8 other schools in a football tournament. We won each game we played except one (we drew). Everyone played excellently and Miss Freeman was very proud. Kaitlin made some great saves and there were some excellent tackles. Eliza made a great save, blocking the goal with her chest, Annie scored a goal all the way from defence and Evie scored a hat trick! In the end, with 23, points Northgate won! Congratulations to Annie for winning 'Player of the Tournament'."...**Eliza** and **Lottie** (class 11).

Boys' Football

Year 6 boys took part in a competition at Howe Green this morning. The B team came third in the Bronze play offs and the A team came 3rd in the Platinum play offs. Everyone played extremely well and we really enjoyed ourselves... **James** and **Callum** (class 11)

Year 6 Rotary Art Competition

On Monday 30th April, the 10 winning entries from each Year 6 class for the Rotary Art competition will be displayed; with the overall winning entry from all the schools that participated chosen. The ceremony will take place at the Ferguson Hall, Bishop's Stortford College and children are able to attend from 3:15pm onwards. Myself and Miss Jones will be present from 4pm, with the prize giving at 4:30pm. All children from year 6 are welcome to attend, although we do ask that children stay in their school uniform for the event. It would be wonderful to see as many children there as possible; particularly those that had their art selected to be displayed.

Reminders and Updates

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners until the end of the first half term (Autumn) will be as follows:

Per Day	Every Day	Wed	Fri	Wed & Fri
£2.40	£69.60	£14.40	£14.40	£28.80

Summer Uniform

Boys can now wear short trousers and girls can now wear summer dresses (yellow for EYFS and green for KS1 and KS2). Shoes must still be worn - for safety reasons sandals are not allowed. Hair accessories must be in school colours. As our local secondary schools, we expect hair to be neat and respectable, with no extremes of style. Hair below shoulder length should be tied back. Jewellery must not be worn (including stud earrings) in school. Please remember to send your children to school with hats and water bottles and apply sun cream before school. Hats do not have to be school caps, sensible hats are fine.

Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held after school next **Wednesday, 25th April** outside the front of the school in the Little Ladybirds playground. Lots of summer uniform will be on display for all those children quickly outgrowing their current uniform! £1 an item.

School Association

We are very excited about the Northgate Association's first Casino Night, just a few weeks away on Saturday 12th May. The children should have brought home flyers and ticket order forms in their book bags this week. Tickets will be on sale every day next week at the main school gates, or order forms can be dropped in to the school office with cash or cheque. We really hope there'll be a good turnout for this exciting event. There'll be canapés, drinks and prizes for those who win big! So get glammed up and come and enjoy the evening. Many thanks

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Dylan
(pm) - Lucy P

Reception: (R1) - Luca
(R2) - Albie

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Creative Thinking.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their probing questions, imagination and thinking outside the box.

Well done to:

Class 1: Jack	Class 7: Honor
Class 2: Ralf	Class 8: Oliver
Class 3: Evie	Class 9: Evie
Class 4: Aleyna	Class 10: Ruby
Class 5: Casey	Class 11: Toby & Evie
Class 6: Imogen	Class 12: Molly-Sue

SEND

Stort Valley Children's Centre are running the following courses:

- Enough of the Huff
- Families Feeling Safe
- How to be Confident Saying No
- Parenting an Anxious Child

Please see the attached flyers for further information.

Aspects have a few spaces left on the following workshops:

- Family Life After Separation
- Managing Stress in Teens

Please see the attached flyers for further information.

Community

Parking

We have received complaints about parking around Carters and Grailands. Please make sure you are considerate and park responsibly. Thank you.

Name Labels

"Hello, Grandma Marion here again. It's nearly time for the new summer intake and just a friendly reminder about the iron on labels I supply which now include peel and stick "shoe labels". Please feel free to look at my website www.labelcreating.co.uk"
Also, please see her flyer attached.