

May 25th 2018

Headteacher's News

Well done to Year 2 who have work hard with their SATs and all the staff who prepared the children, ensuring they completed them in a fun way.

I have spoken to some classes this week, following a complaint from a parent where their child was in an Instagram picture taken by another child. They were also concerned that there were a number of pictures of children who were in school uniform. I am not sure they are aware photographs and videos published by a user are public and anyone can see them and follow that user. If selected, images and videos can also be added to a 'photo map' which shows where each picture was taken, therefore potentially giving away the location of the user. Also all photos uploaded immediately become the property of Instagram.

Like most social networking services, Instagram is not intended for children under 13, this is clearly stated in their Terms of Use and adults can report under age users.

Please remember to speak to your children about internet safety and ensure they understand it is not appropriate for children to have their pictures in school uniform where they could be identified. Consider whether photographs are taken with the location setting disabled and make sure they are not putting pictures of other children on the internet without their parents' permission.

Please be aware of the apps your children are using, be aware of potential risks and have regular conversations with children to help them make positive choices online. Do not miss opportunities to have a conversation with your children about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively. If you would like support, you could have a look at the conversation starters on the Safer Internet website for ideas: bit.ly/SaferInternetConversation believe school should be more than education, it is a community. I am delighted to hear that our school has been pulling together to support others in need. This is greatly appreciated. Have a lovely holiday!

Year 3 and 4 Music Concerts

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed performing their instrumental pieces and their songs for the parents on Thursday and Friday afternoons. It was great to see such musical talent. Well done to everyone involved.



Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 enjoyed a very informative and interesting afternoon at Crucial Crew this afternoon. The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities; learning about topics such as bullying, staying safe on the roads, giving CPR and much more!

Important Dates

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
w/c 11th June	Year 1 Phonics Assessments
11th June	Music for Schools Assembly
11th June	2pm Year 2 Minibeast Hunt
14th June	Class 10 tennis begins
14th June	Music For Schools Parents Meeting
15th June	2.50pm Yr3 Work Sharing
15th June	2.50pm Yr5 Work Sharing
18th June	Class Photos
20th June	7pm Science Curriculum Evening
22nd June	2.50pm Yr4 Work Sharing
22nd June	School Association Discos
24th June	Rickling RunFest
25th June	Fire Evacuation Practice
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
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)

Safeguarding

Medicines

If your child needs any medicine (prescription or over the counter), even items such as throat lozenges, please be advised that medicines must be in their original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. Children must not bring medicines to school in their bags or pockets, they need to be brought in by an adult and handed in/collected to/from the school office. 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. Parents need to be aware of expiry dates and replace items such as inhalers and auto-injectors prior to expiry.

Enriching the Curriculum

Kwik Cricket at Sawbridgeworth

On Thursday, Year 5 boys played kwik cricket in a tournament at Sawbridgeworth cricket ground. They played 2 very good matches, working as a very strong team but narrowly missed out on a place in the finals. They played some friendly matches with several different schools and Northgate children decided to mix the teams and made some new friendships which was appreciated by the other schools. Well done boys!

Year 1 Phonics

The National Phonics Assessments will take place for Year 1 children during the week commencing 11th June. Please ensure your children are in school every day and appointments are made out of school time if at all possible.

Reminders and Updates

INSET DAY - Monday, 4th June

Children return to school on **Tuesday, 5th June**.

School Dinners Next Half Term

Per Day	£ 2.40
Every Day	£81.60
Wednesdays	£16.80
Fridays	£16.80
Wednesdays and Fridays	£33.60

Year 6

If your child is in Year 6 please wait for your individual dinner money letter before paying for this half term.

Science Curriculum Evening

This will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 20th June to help parents understand the science curriculum and give you ideas to support your children with science at home.

Music for Schools

If your child is interested in playing a musical instrument, Music for Schools will be taking an assembly for the children on Monday, 11th June and holding a parent meeting on the evening of Thursday, 14th June at a time to be confirmed.

Art Day

School will be holding an Art Day, focusing on printing, on Thursday, 7th June. If you are available to help, please let Mrs Pratt or the school office know. Thank you

School Association

NORTHGATE SUMMER FAYRE SATURDAY 9th JUNE

It's fast approaching and with only 2 weeks to go preparations are well underway. We are confident the sun will be shining and the day will be packed with beach themed fun and games!

But we still need your help. Please sign up to volunteer at the link below. And please encourage your Mum and Dad friends to do so too. We can't run it without you!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/5080e4aafac2ea6fe3-summer>

Please also buy, or sell to friends and family, your raffle tickets and return the completed stubs and money to the school office in the week after half term. We have some incredible prizes but you have to be in it to win it!

Wishing you a fantastic half term

Louisa Piercy and The Northgate Association

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Amelie
(pm) - Vito

Reception: (R1) - Susie
(R2) - Millie

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Science

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their prediction, explanation, vocabulary, detailed diagram and conclusion.

Well done to:

Class 1: Harry	Class 7: Liberty & Elise
Class 2: Kiki	Class 8: Max
Class 3: Finley	Class 9: Eryn
Class 4: Harry	Class 10: Huey
Class 5: Kimball	Class 11: Elizabeth D
Class 6: Lars	Class 12: Jakey

Community

Prostate Cancer UK

John Glasgow is cycling the Grand Depart Classic Challenge for Prostate Cancer UK. As a survivor he wants to help men now and in the future by supporting this important charity. Please find a flyer attached for more information and go to his page at www.justgiving.com to donate.

Any support you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Grove Cottage

Grove Cottage are running the following events:

Sunday 10 June – Stansted 10K Fun Run and Walk

Saturday 23 June – Comedy night at The Bishop's Stortford High School

Sunday 8 July – Grove Cottage Food and Drink Festival

Please find their flyers attached.

Henry Moore

Henry Moore are running a carvings workshop this half term. For further information please see the attached flyer.