

February 23rd 2018

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a restful holiday. The staff had a productive INSET day where we focussed on maths and science teaching. We are busy preparing for our **Dazzling Discovery Week**, starting on the 12th March. Parents are invited to come into school for a short activity session with their child - see the important dates. We will be carrying out a range of science activities across the week. If you are interested in coming in and helping for one of the practical sessions, please speak to the teachers or Miss Jones, our Science subject leader.

The Curriculum Evening on 15th March has been postponed until the summer term and details will follow.

We look forward to seeing you next week at parent consultations. This is a key time for parents to see their child's books and gain an understanding of their child's progress. If you have not made an appointment yet, please do so on eSchools before the end of tomorrow, Saturday, 24th February.

Year 6 Victorian Day

Today, year 6 have been transported back in time to the 1800s to experience the Victorian era. This morning children have enjoyed the setting of a Victorian classroom, writing on slate and with dip ink pens, reciting their times tables and learning about the British Empire. This



afternoon children have had the chance to look at different Victorian artefacts. Thank you to all the parents who supported.

"Our favourite part was the workshop because we did lots of activities. The whole day was really fun" ...**James** and **Ewan** (class 11).

Year 1 Maths Parents Workshop

Thank you to all the Year One parents who attended our Maths Workshop yesterday afternoon - it was lovely to see so many of you there. We provided information about the Year One maths curriculum as well as the resources and methods we use in our teaching. The PowerPoint has been attached onto this week's homework on eSchools.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

"On Wednesday, 8 children from year five went to a maths competition in Ware. They were Sam, Eryn, Koko and Fadlullah (class 9) and Robert, Luke, Elizabeth and Elliot (class 10). After four rounds of arithmetic, memory, estimation and problem solving, class 10 came fifth out of fifteen and class 9 came **first** out of fifteen which means they get through to the county finals" ...**Sam** (class 9).



A big well done to all the children who took part and we look forward to Northgate competing in the county finals soon! Mr Glozier

Important Dates

26th Feb	1pm Nursery Parent Consultations
27th Feb	4-7pm Parent Consultations
28th Feb	9.30am Prospective Parent Tour
28th Feb	3.30-6.00pm Parent Consultations
1st Mar	World Book Day (children to dress up as a book character)
2nd Mar	Year 3 Literacy Festival at the Bishop's Stortford College
6th Mar	Year 4 Sea Life Aquarium
9th Mar	School Disco: 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
12th - 16th Mar	Dazzling Discovery Week Science activity with parents:
13th Mar	9-9.30am KS1
14th Mar	9-9.30am Lower KS2
15th Mar	9-9.30am EYFS
16th Mar	9-9.30am Upper KS2
12th Mar	11am Prospective Parent Tour
14th Mar	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
19th Mar	11.20am Nursery am Work Sharing 2.45pm Nursery pm Work Sharing 2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
20th Mar	2.45pm Year 2 Work Sharing
22nd Mar	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
22nd Mar	3.00pm Year 5 Work Sharing
23rd Mar	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
23rd Mar	3.00pm Year 4 Work Sharing
26th Mar	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
27th Mar	2.45pm Year 6 Work Sharing
28th Mar	Years 3/4 Show (afternoon and evening performances)
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
16th Apr	Children Return to School
20th Apr	School Association Film Night
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
9th June	Summer Fayre
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018
3rd & 4th Sep	INSET DAYS
5th Sep	Children Return to School

Safeguarding

To keep children safe we need adults to sign in at the school office when they come into school. This is why parents are not allowed around the back of the school in the morning. After school, if you cannot catch the teacher on the playground, please DO NOT enter the school by the back doors but go to the school office.

World Book Day

World Book Day is next **Thursday, 1st March** and children are asked to dress up as their **favourite book character**. Children will go to their classrooms at 8.45am, after they have been dropped off, and parents can wait in the playground for them all to come back out and parade in their costumes.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO GUIDED READING ON WORLD BOOK DAY.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday, 27th** and **Wednesday, 28th February**. Please arrive 10 minutes early for your appointment so that you can go to your child's classroom to view their work before your appointment. All appointments are for 10 minutes and if extra time is required another appointment can be arranged for another time. Only one appointment can be made for each child on consultation evenings. Appointments for Miss Greaves and Mrs Clynes need to be booked through the school office. The eSchools booking system will close at the end of the day on Saturday, 24th February so please make your appointments by then. Thank you

School Association

Northgate Association News

We held our monthly committee meeting this week and had another productive session discussing where to spend our fundraising and our upcoming events.

Our next event is the Spring School Disco on 9th March. We are still in need of people to help with ticket sales in the run up as well as to help on the night. Please complete the survey if you are able to help which was emailed on 8th February or can be found here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/THX328W>

Next we have our Film Night which is to take place on Friday 20th April and the children will be able to see Despicable Me 3. A request for helpers will be sent out in due course so please keep an eye out.

Planning is also underway for the Summer Fayre. As one of our biggest events of the school year it requires a lot of planning and organisation and the more people on board the better. Myself and Kelly Hyde (year 2 Mum) are heading up the organising committee and have a plan of action but we would welcome some helpers! We will be carving up the event into bite-sized chunks so if you'd like to take on a small part and join our team then please let me know.

As a priority we need someone to lead the organisation of the raffle and to gather together some lovely prizes. If this takes your fancy please do get in touch. We would also like to hear from any parent who has a connection with the travel or holiday industry who may be able to help us find a really amazing raffle prize! Please get in touch if that is you!

If you are able to help with any of the above then please email me at ptanorthgate@gmail.com or contact me via the office.

Many thanks
Louisa Piercy (Association Chair)

Mathletics

We are always pleased that children are reinforcing their maths skills by using Mathletics. Well done to:

Callum Caley
Isabella Crotty
Eva Macfie

For achieving a Gold Mathletics certificate. Fantastic effort!

Reminders and Updates

School Clubs

Please find a list attached of clubs taking place for the children at school in the Spring Term.

Happy Bags

The next Happy Bag clothes recycling collection will be on the morning of 16th March at 10.30am. The bags will be sent home soon with the children in their book bags. Filled bags can be left in the bike shelter on or before the morning of 16th March.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart after the holiday.

Please remember that school shoes must be black and if they have flashing lights, they must be off.

All hair accessories must be in school colours.

Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up.

Community

Stort Valley and Villages Children's Centre Group

The Children's Centre are running the following workshops:

Make your Mark - Supporting your Child to Write

Pressing the Pause Button— An Introduction to Mindfulness in Parenting

Please see the attached flyers for further information.

St Michael's Church Choir

The Church choir are holding an open rehearsal for new singers at St Michael's Church **tonight**. This is for girls and boys aged 7+. Please see the attached flyer for further details.