

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

June 9th 2017

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a lovely long half term break. We have welcomed Mr Parker, our new site manager, who is quickly settling into his new role. We will be welcoming a new receptionist, Mrs Crocker, on Monday, 19th June, who some of you may know as she is an ex-parent of the school.

At the end of term we will sadly be saying goodbye to a number of teaching staff. Mrs Bennett will be moving to Manor Fields, for family reasons, Mr Cavendish will be moving to Norfolk and Mr McDonald will be retiring. They will all be sadly missed. I am pleased to say that we have a number of new staff starting, including Miss Goslitski, Miss Hathaway, Mrs Bull and our new assistant Head will be Miss Hawkins. We are lucky to be employing staff with a range of experiences and skills.

We are looking forward to the School Fayre on Saturday. We always appreciate the wonderful job the Association do in fundraising for the school, allowing us this year to really enhance outdoor learning with our new canopy and outdoor classroom, among other things.

With the money raised from the Fayre, we hope to buy some shelving for our new library, that is going to be moved in the summer holidays to the old music room.

Summer Fayre 2017

Saturday 10th June 11am-3pm

Please remember to come along and support the school!

It will be a fun day with lots to eat, do and buy! The children have been working hard to make items to sell so please make sure you go and see Mr Cavendish on the school stall.

Teacher Dunk Tank at the Summer Fayre

Mr and Mrs Aziz will be running the 'Teacher Dunk Tank' at the school fayre on Saturday. The children have been told in assembly about this and are all very excited! If they manage to dunk the teacher, there are some fantastic prizes to be won and everybody that pays to have a go will automatically get entered into a prize draw – it will be well worth a go!!! Please find the times the teachers will be on the 'dunk tank chair' on a separate attachment so you or your child can decide when you would like to come and have a try.

Raffle Tickets

Please bring in the money and stubs for the sold raffle tickets and return any unsold tickets that we can try to sell on the day.

Class News

Year 2 Music Festival

Josie Cowley came in yesterday to practice singing with the year 2 children, to get them ready for the Primary Schools Music Festival, to be held at the Rhodes Centre on Friday, 23rd June. The children thoroughly enjoyed this singing session.

Important Dates

Sat 10th June	Summer Fayre
Mon 12th June	Bake-Off
Tues 13th June	1.30pm Year 2 mini beast hunt
Wed 14th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Mon 19th June	9.05am Yrs 5/6 Maths Games
Tues 20th June	9.05am Yrs 3/4 Maths Games
Wed 21st June	9.05am Yrs 1/2 Maths Games
Thurs 22nd June	9.05am EYFS Maths Games
Fri 23rd June	Year 2 Music Festival at Rhodes
Fri 23rd June	6-7pm KS1/Foundation Disco
Fri 23rd June	7.15-8.30pm KS2 Disco
Tues 27th June	3pm Yr 5 work sharing
Tues 27th June	Foundation Information Evening
Thurs 29th June	Birchwood Games Day
Thur 29th June	2.45pm Yr 4 work sharing
Mon 3 rd July	Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Rhodes
Tues 4th July	Years 5/6 Production at Rhodes
Thurs 6th July	Reports Out
Fri 7 th July	Sports Day
Tues 11th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 12th July	Yr 1 Trip Hatfield Forest
Wed 12th July	Parent Consultations
Thurs 13th July	Secondary Transfer Day - Move up Morning
Thur 13th July	2.45pm Yr 1 work sharing
Fri 14th July	3.00pm Year 3 work sharing (please note date change)
Fri 14th July	Leavers' Disco
Mon 17th July	Yr 2 Trip Colchester Zoo
Tues 18th July	2.45pm Yr 2 work sharing
Wed 19 th July	Year 6 swimming gala
Thurs 20th July	9.05 am Yr6 Leavers' Assembly
Thur 20th July	10.00am Yr 6 work sharing
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 2.00pm
Mon 4th Sep	1st Day of Autumn Term

Safeguarding

As a school we have to ensure we are safeguarding our children and we have a duty to safeguard them from radicalisation and extremism. At Northgate, in practice, this means a strong PHSE and RE programme in which children develop thinking skills and a strong positive self-identity. We are required to promote the British values of tolerance, democracy, and respect. Our School Council, who are currently organising our Bake off, is part of how we demonstrate democracy. If you would like more information about British Values at Northgate, please see our website.

Learning Powers

This half term we are trying to be Effective Participant Penguins. This involves us in taking part in all activities with enthusiasm and thinking about supporting our wider community and world.

Year 3 Work Sharing

Due to a clash, year 3 work sharing will now be at 3.00pm on **Friday, 14th July**. We are sorry for any confusion caused.

Enriching the Curriculum

Tag Rugby

20 year 5 and 6 children played tag rugby at the Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club yesterday. They thoroughly enjoyed it even though it was not a competitive event.

Netball Match

On Wednesday, 7th June, Northgate netball team played St Andrews away. The team was made up of Annie B, Olwenn, Lily W, Pearl, Annie C and Rori. In the first quarter, Northgate had most of the possession, resulting in us scoring 2 goals and St Andrews sadly scoring none. In the second quarter, both teams had the equal amount of possession over the ball. Northgate scored 1 goal with St Andrews having a few close misses. Then in the third quarter, we managed to score 2 more superb goals with them unfortunately still not having scored any. Within the final quarter, St Andrews scored a magnificent goal but we came back and scored the final goal. Therefore, the overall score was 6-1 to us.

Special thanks to Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Mason-Smith, St Andrews netball team and their coach for having such good sportsmanship.

We would like to give the player of the match to Lily W for playing like a natural in her first 5 aside match...**Annie B** (class12) and **Pearl** (class 10)

Bake-Off

The bake-off that was requested and organised by the School Council is finally here! Monday, 12th June is Bake-Off Day, so get your creative juices baking this weekend. The winners will be announced in our afternoon assembly. We will be selling the cakes outside the classrooms on Monday after school so please send the children in with their money. The cakes will be a variety of prices but no more than £1.00.

Lost Property

Any lost property remaining in the box in the reception area at the end of school next Wednesday, 14th June will be taken to a charity shop. When you are at the Fayre on Saturday the door to the main reception will be open so please have a look.

Community News

Bishop's Stortford Railway Society are holding their annual model railway exhibition at Birchwood on Saturday, 19th August. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

Razza Roller Disco run weekly roller skating discos at Birchwood on Sunday afternoons. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

Fab Science

Fab Science summer holiday clubs are now open for booking and are launching some new clubs. Please find their flyer attached.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week in Foundation Stage were:

Nursery: Freddie F and Mekhi
Reception: Griff (R1)
Emily(R2)

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Design and Technology.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their design skills and how well they worked with others.

Well done to:

Class 1: Lewis M	Class 8: Eryn and Elsie-May
Class 2: Matthaios	Class 9: Star and Eliza
Class 3: Casey	Class 10: Maddie, Rene,
Class 4: Ceylin	Amelia and Hannah
Class 5: Bella	Class 11: Bill B
Class 6: Harry N	Class 12: Luke G

Reminders

Playing Maths Games with your Child

Remember you will have an opportunity to come in at the start of the day (9.00am - 9.25am) to play a maths game with your child. The dates for the different year groups are as follows:

Monday 19th June—Year 5/6

Tuesday 20th June— Year 3/4

Wednesday 21st - Year 1/2

Thursday 22nd— EYFS

As the weather improves, please remember to send your children to school with hats and water bottles and apply sun cream before school.

To help give us time to pack the library before the move, please return library books by next Friday, 16th June. Children will still be able to read books from class libraries.

Thank you

Mr King has asked us to say thank you to everyone for the kind presents you gave him when he left Northgate. They were very much appreciated.

Northgate Association

Father's Day

There will be a Father's Day stall this year for children to bring in £1.50 to choose and buy a gift. Some items will be crafting items which the children will then decorate.

The School Council will sell them to years 1,2,5 and 6 at morning play and lunchtime on Wednesday and years 3 and 4 on Thursday.

Nursery and Reception children will be able to buy theirs in class from Monday onwards.

School Disco

Our next school disco will be held on Friday, 23rd June:

KS1 and Foundation 6.00pm-7.00pm

KS2 7.00pm-8.30pm