

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

April 28th 2017

Headteacher's News

It is fantastic to see our new canopy in Foundation Stage. This will greatly support outdoor learning in wet and sunny conditions. A massive thank you to the Association for paying for this, we greatly appreciate all of their fundraising. I know the Association are looking for new committee members and if you are interested in becoming involved, please let us know.

It was nice to see parents at the Stepping Stones meeting this morning. We hope you found the session useful. If you would like further information about this parent support group please contact Stepping Stones at steppingstonesnorthgate@outlook.com

We are currently looking at developing ICT in the school and if this is your area of expertise and are interested in supporting us, please let us know.

Class News

Work Sharing

Year 1 - 2.45pm Thursday 13th July
Year 2 - 2.45pm Tuesday 18th July
Year 3 - 3.00pm Wednesday 5th June
Year 4 - 2.45pm Thursday 29th June
Year 5 - 3.00pm-3.15pm Tuesday 27th June (please note date change)
Year 6 - Thursday 20th July following our Leavers' Assembly

Year 6 SATs

Reminder that it is vital for Year 6 children to attend school next week. If your child is off sick, please phone in early to talk about alternative arrangements.

Foundation News

Foundation are very excited to have had the canopy installed in the outside area this week. This is an amazing achievement as we have been wanting a canopy for a long time! This will open up a wealth of opportunities for the children to be able to take their learning outside in all weathers!

Foundation are all very much looking forward to the school trip next week to see 'The Hungry Caterpillar' at the Rhodes Centre which is a wonderful start to our 'mini Explorers' topic.

Years 3/4 Production

Please could any parents **help** with make up for the show on the following dates:

Monday, 15th May - rehearsal in the afternoon
Tuesday, 16th May - afternoon performance
Thursday, 18th May - evening performance
Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you

Years 3/4 would also like plastic or metal tankards for use in their production please.

Important Dates

8 th -11 th May	KS2 SATs
Mon 15th May	Years 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Wed 10th May	Nursery to Hungry Caterpillar at Rhodes (pm)
Thur 11th May	Nursery + Reception to Hungry Caterpillar at Rhodes (am)
Fri 12th May	Parent Tour
Tues 16th May	Year 3/4 play - afternoon
Thurs 18th May	Years 3/4 play-7.00pm
22nd-25th May	Science Week
Tues 23rd May	Volunteer safeguarding and reading support meeting – 9.00am-9.30am
Wed 24th May	Volunteer safeguarding and reading support meeting - 9.00am-9.30am

Reading with Parents

Tues 16 th May	Year 5/6
Wed 17 th May	Years 3/4
Thurs 18 th May	Foundation
Fri 19 th May	Years 1/2
22nd-25th May	Science Week
Fri 26 th May	Inset Day
29th May—2nd Jun	Half Term
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day
Fri 9th June	Non Uniform Day-bring a bottle
Sat 10th June	Summer Fayre
Wed 14th June	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Fri 23rd June	Year 2 Music Festival at Rhodes
Thurs 29th June	Birchwood Games Day
Mon 3 rd July	Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Rhodes
Tues 4th July	Years 5/6 Production at Rhodes
Fri 7 th July	Sports Day
Wed 19 th July	Year 6 swimming gala
Thur 20th July	9.05 am Yr6 Leavers' Assembly
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 2pm

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

On 23rd and 24th May we will be running a safeguarding workshop for all volunteers at the school to ensure everyone is clear on all procedures around safeguarding. This will be followed by a session on how to support guided reading. We hope all current volunteers will be able to attend one of these two sessions. Thank you

Updates

Learning Powers

This half term we are aiming to be independent enquiring elephants. This involves developing our own independent enquiring skills. We will develop our interests, problem solving independently and nurture the researcher.

Reading with Parents

Parents are invited to come in and read with their child in a couple of weeks' time, from 9.05am-9.30am (see dates list), as we did during book week. Miss Greaves will lead a brief session on reading beforehand, for all parents, in the dining room from 8.55am.

Scabies

A case of scabies has been reported in Early Years. The main symptoms are intense itching (worse at night) and a rash (tiny red spots) in areas of the skin where the mites have burrowed. It may take 4-6 weeks before itching starts. It is passed on by close skin contact. Please be vigilant and seek medical assistance if concerned.

School Crossing Patrol

Please note that there will be no crossing patrol on Cricketfield Lane from Monday, 8th May onwards.

Bake Off

The school council are organising a Northgate Bake- Off. This will be taking place on 12th June 2017.

The theme of the Bake-off is 'Summer'.

Please see the attached information sheet for more details.

Visitor Lanyards

A number of visitor lanyards have gone missing. Please could you check that you have not accidentally taken one home and, if so, return it as soon as possible as we have very few left in school. Thank you

eSchools App

ESchools now have an app which is free to download, easy and accessible. It gives prompt notifications which would be particularly useful when children are on trips or in an emergency.

Piano Lessons

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Mr Thompson has spaces for piano lessons after school. For further details, please find his flyer attached .

Northgate Association

Friday 9th June

Please bring a bottle of drink (soft or alcohol) for the Summer Fayre Bottle stall in return for wearing non-uniform.

Celebration of Achievements

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

Nursery: Anabella & Ben
Reception: Charlie S (R1)
Ailsa (R2)

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Computing.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for using computers safely, creatively and sensibly.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Gregor	Class 7:	Margarita
Class 2:	Sammie	Class 8:	Sam
Class 3:	Bede	Class 9:	Dylan
Class 4:	Filip	Class 10:	Joel & Samuel
Class 5:	Samuel	Class 11:	Michael
Class 6:	Harry N	Class 12:	Jack

Reminders

Playground Equipment

Please remember, for their own safety, children are not allowed on any of the playground equipment before or after school. Even if you supervise your children, this encourages other children to play unsupervised. A child was recently injured and we wish to avoid further accidents. Thank you

Year 2 Music Festival at Rhodes

Please remember tickets for the year 3/4 music festival are currently available from the Rhodes Centre, South Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 3JG ; in person from the Box Office or by telephone: 01279 651746. The cost of tickets is £4.00 each.

Community News

Fab Science

Fab Science are offering children the chance to get up close and personal with some very interesting creatures this half term! At 'Animal Antics', we'll be finding out all about our animal cousins, large and small. Children aged 5-12 can enjoy five hours of hands on experimenting and very interesting science. The workshops are very popular and will sell out soon! For further information please see the attached flyer.

NCT Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth

The NCT are having a nearly new sale of children's clothing, toys and equipment on the 13th of May at Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth from 11.30am-1.00pm. For more information please see the attached flyer.