

January 12th 2018

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see so many parents at the coffee morning today. It gave the SLT an opportunity to reflect on some of the highlights of our year and a chance to listen to parental views on how we can improve. We were aware that there were mixed views on communication and, although there have been changes in the last year, we are interested in all parents' input so please complete the attached questionnaire and send it back to the school office by 2nd February. If you would like to share your thoughts on the school but cannot attend a coffee morning, please email interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

In assembly, we started looking at our new school value for the term which is perseverance and the new learning power, Self Managing Monkey.

Our learning is in full swing, with teachers working hard to engage the children and make it meaningful. My highlight this week, was the visit from 'The Queen' and seeing the learning opportunities that year 1 children gained from this visit. Please see below for more details. Hope you have a restful weekend.

Year 1 Visit from the Queen!

Year 1 really enjoyed the tea party with 'The Queen' this week. They loved hearing about the Queen's life and finding out more about London. They particularly enjoyed eating the delicious party food they had made.



Important Dates

15th Jan

17th Jan

19th Jan

24th Jan

26th Jan

29th Jan-2nd Feb

30th Jan

31st Jan

1st Feb

2nd Feb

2nd—9th Feb

5th Feb

8th Feb

12th-16th Feb

19th Feb

27th Feb

28th Feb

1st Mar

9th Mar

12th - 16th Mar

13th Mar

14th Mar

15th Mar

16th Mar

15th Mar

22nd Mar

23rd Mar

28th Mar

29th Mar

28th May-1st Jun

4th June

20th Jul 2018

Closing Date for Reception Admissions 2018

Year 5 Maths Challenge (2 teams)

9am KS1 coffee with SLT

Prospective Parent Tour

9am KS2 coffee with SLT

Maths Games with parents

9am Lower KS2

9am EYFS

9am Upper KS2

9am KS1

Festival of Literature

Nursery Admission 2018 opens on School website

Prospective Parent Tour

Half Term

Inset Day

Parent Consultations

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World Book Day (children to dress up as a book character)

School Disco:

6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation

7.15-8.30pm KS2

Dazzling Discovery Week

Science activity with parents:

9-9.30am KS1

9-9.30am Lower KS2

9-9.30am EYFS

9-9.30am Upper KS2

Curriculum Information Evening

Year 5 Instrumental Concert

Year 6 Instrumental Concert

Years 3/4 Show (afternoon and evening performances)

Break up for Easter

Half Term

Inset Day

Break up for Summer 2018

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

The latest E-safety Newsletter for parents is attached. It gives you information about current Apps popular with children and advice if you are worried your child may see or hear something inappropriate online.

Work Sharing

Year 1	2.45pm Monday, 26th March
Year 2	2.45pm Tuesday, 20th March
Year 3	2.50pm Wednesday, 14th March
Year 4	2.45pm Friday, 23rd March
Year 5	3.00pm Thursday, 22nd March
Year 6	2.45pm Tuesday, 27th March

Reminders and updates

Reception Admissions 2018

Please remember to make your applications by the closing date which is next **Monday 15 January 2018**, as any applications received after this date will be considered as **'LATE'** applications. Please refer to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions to apply.

KS1 Coffee with SLT

Please remember our next coffee morning with SLT will be for KS1 and will be held next Friday, 19th January at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you then.

School Lunches

At the end of last term the children will have brought home individual letters detailing the amount owing for school meals up to the 9th February 2018.

Please pay the amount indicated on the letter. The maximum amount of £67.20 is for dinners every day for the period and is the amount showing on ePay. If your child has a different meal pattern then your payment may be adjusted in line with your letter.

If there is any outstanding balance brought forward and the amount shown on your letter is more than £67.20 please contact the school office.

Absences

If your child is off sick, please leave a **telephone** message on the school's dedicated absence line (option 1) on each day of absence. Pre-arranged absences can be advised in writing or by email (e.g. appointments) but all other absences need to be reported by telephone. Thank you

Mobile Phones

Children are not encouraged to bring mobile phones into school. If your child walks to school unattended and therefore needs their phone in school, you need to write a letter to the class teacher asking for permission and mobile phones must be handed to the teacher on arrival in the classroom. We discourage children from bringing mobile phones into school as we cannot accept responsibility for their loss or damage.

Sponsored Silence

We are pleased to let you know that Kaitlin and Evie in Year 6 were successful with their 12 hour sponsored silence on Monday, 18th December. They raised £150.00 for Motor Neuron Disease. Well done girls!

R1 Reading Activities

If you have any spare time, Miss Clarke would appreciate some help in R1 with their reading activities please.

Scrap Paper

If anyone has any white A4 paper they could donate for the children to use during wet play, etc. we would be very grateful. Thank you

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Ruby
(pm) - Martha J
Reception: (R1) - Theo T
(R2) - Jack

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Attitude to Learning.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for positivity, perseverance and enthusiasm in their learning.

Well done to:

Class 1: Santa	Class 7: Isabella
Class 2: Eva	Class 8: Lucy
Class 3: Megan	Class 9: Georgia
Class 4: Imogen	Class 10: Jessica
Class 5: Harry	Class 11: Maxwell
Class 6: Fraser	Class 12: Molly A

SEND

Aspects have the following workshops arranged. Please see the attached flyers for details and to book a place:

- 'Keeping Children Safe Online in the 21st Century'
- 'Parenting a Child with Anxiety'
- 'Secrets to a Better Behaved Child'
- 'How to be Confident Saying No'

Community

Bishop's Stortford Cricket Club

BSCC will be running a Girls Cricket team with the aim of developing cricketers towards the successful women's team, where Charlotte Edwards, former England Captain, is playing club cricket again next summer. They are trying to find girls in years 6 to 9 for U12 and U14 teams and really need your help to get this off the ground. They would be delighted for girls of varying abilities to join them and give it a go and have a strong set of coaches to support them from the women's team. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Tuesday's Child

Tuesday's Child are making another series of the popular Channel 4 series—'Lego Masters'. They are on the hunt for Britain's most talented Amateur Builders over the age of 9 (on 31st March 2018). Please see the attached flyer for further details.

School Labels

Hello! My name is Marion and as a grandmother of 4 I love to make life easier for mums. I am writing to ask if you would be interested in "Iron On School Labels". I can supply at a really good rate as it's just a little hobby for me running up to retirement, prices start from as little as 99p for 15 labels (please see details attached).