

March 17th 2017

### Headteacher's News

We are delighted to announce that Miss Greaves has been appointed to the permanent position of Deputy Headteacher. She will be a big asset to Northgate. Congratulations to Mrs Rolfe who has been appointed as a TA in KS1.

It has been another busy week at school, the children have been working hard and there have been a range of opportunities to enhance their learning, including Year Three's trip to the Natural History Museum. Our Attendance Improvement Officer visited this week to monitor attendance in the school. Generally she was impressed with our attendance and our processes to improve attendance and lateness. The Governors have adopted a new Attendance Policy, following new national guidelines, and it can be found on our website under About Us/Policies. For more details see the attendance section on the next page.

### Thank You

The school would like to thank the Association for buying a set of 30 books for each class. We are all looking forward to reading them.

Reception and Year 1 would like to say thank you to Knight Frank Estate Agents in Bishop's Stortford for donating £200 worth of books to them. They are looking forward to taking them home and reading them.

### Year 1 Work Sharing

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.45pm

### Year 2 Spelling Workshop

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the year 2 spelling workshop yesterday, we hope you found it useful.

### Year 3 Natural History Museum

"In the volcano and earthquake area I liked the moving platform because you could watch the TV and they really made all the walls look like there was a big earthquake going on everywhere."...*Elise*

"We went to look at the dinosaurs and we got to see a moving T-Rex that looked real. After that we went to see the mammals and we also got to see a polar bear's skull."...*Honor*

### Football

On Tuesday the Northgate football team travelled to Little Hallingbury to play in a semifinal. It was an extremely close and hard fought match however the team narrowly lost out in a 2-0 defeat. A big well done to all the children who took part, they showed great team spirit and determination throughout.

### Parent Helpers Needed

Years 5 and 6 are looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to help with 1:1 reading. Please contact Miss Jones via the office if you can help. Thank you

### Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

We feel it is important for children to think of others so we will be celebrating Red Nose Day for Comic Relief by wearing a red nose or accessory such as a tie, scarf, socks, hairband, etc. Please could the children bring in a small donation. Thank you

### Nursery

Nursery would be grateful of any donations of Lego please.

### Important Dates

<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Closing Date - Nursery Applications</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Yr 6 Rhodes Music Festival
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9.30am Aspects – Self-Esteem
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	2.40 Spelling Parent Workshop Yr 1
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Association Cake Sale
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am-Reception Grandparents' Day
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am-Nursery Grandparents' Day
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Autism Day
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.40 Phonics Parent Workshop Yr 1
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.30pm eSafety talk for parents
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1.30pm-Nursery Grandparents' Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Association Film Night
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>

### Work Sharing

Reception:

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 2.45-3.15pm – coffee at 2.15pm

Nursery:

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 9.15-9.45am followed by coffee

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2.30-3.00pm followed by coffee

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 1 work sharing

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 2 Work sharing

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.15pm Year 6 Talk on Y6 SATs

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 6 Work Sharing

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 4 Work Sharing

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.00pm Year 5 Work Sharing

(Please note the above date was changed from 29<sup>th</sup>)

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.00pm Year 3 Work Sharing

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar End of Term 2pm**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Apr First Day of Summer Term**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May Inset Day**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June Inset Day**

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July End of Term 2pm**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sep First Day of Autumn Term**

\*Red = New Items

### Reminders

#### End of Term

Please note that term will end at **2.00pm** on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Jewellery

No earrings or other jewellery are to be worn in school and headbands should be in school colours.

#### Lost Property

Any lost property remaining at the end of school next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March will be put in a Happy Sack.

#### Apparatus

Children must NOT play on the apparatus before or after school.

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Rotary Club Art Competition

Children in year 6 have been painting A3 pictures of the River Stort for an art competition set up by the Rotary Club. The top 10 from each class were chosen and collected from school last Friday.

Class 11: Felicity, Mia, Jessica, Tom, Oliver, Amelia, Freya, William, Caitlin and Grace.

Class 12: Molly, Natalie, Harry, Lily, Brendan, Annie, Martha, Millie Lucy and Martha.

These will be put into a competition with other Bishop's Stortford primary schools and winners will be chosen. A presentation of prizes for winners will be at the Rhodes Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. There will also be a display of pupil's artwork.

### Year 6 Music Festival

A letter was sent out on eSchools yesterday. Please could you remember to sign the slip and return it to school by Monday. Thank you

### French Enrichment Day

S.T.A.G.E. (Bishop's Stortford Schools Able Gifted Enrichment Network) chose 2 year 5 children to represent Northgate with other schools.

"On Wednesday there was a French Day at Little Hadham where you learnt about French culture and tried French food. I really enjoyed it and hope to learn more about France" ...*Evie S*

It was "très bon" ...*Hannah D*

### Mathletics Club

We are delighted that a parent has offered to run a year 6 Mathletics club once a week to provide more opportunities for the children to access this successful resource. If you have half an hour to spare and are interested in running a club, please let us know.

## Northgate Association

Please could the children bring £1.50 into school by next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March for a special day. Thank you

### Cake Sale

Every child will bring a home a paper plate today – please fill the plate with cakes or biscuits and bring back into school next **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**, the morning of the sale. Thank you

## Community News

### Comedy Night at Birchwood

Bishop's Stortford and Stansted Round Table are holding a Comedy Night on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Birchwood School. All profits will go to local charities and causes. For more information please go to [www.bit.ly/stortford-comedy](http://www.bit.ly/stortford-comedy)

### BSRFC Easter Camp

Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club are running an Easter Camp, please find the details attached.

### Easter Hockey Camp

St Albans Hockey Club are holding an Easter Hockey Camp, please find the details attached.

### Coopers of Stortford Mother's Day Competition

Coopers of Stortford are running a Mother's Day competition, please find the details attached.

## Celebration of Achievements

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

Nursery: Lilly  
Reception: Rose (R1)  
Isabelle (R2)

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

In our assembly today we shared where children have been thoughtful and considerate to others.

Well done to:

Class 1: Evie	Class 7: Fraser
Class 2: Gabriella	Class 8: Daniel
Class 3: Isabella D	Class 9: Lottie
Class 4: Norah	Class 10: Joseph
Class 5: Evangelene D	Class 11: Millie
Class 6: Finley	Class 12: Evan

## Safeguarding

### Attendance

***Our new Attendance Policy is available on the school website. See extracts below:***

*"Northgate School is committed to achieving excellent levels of attendance for children. Underpinning this commitment is the belief that if children attend school regularly and punctually, they will be best able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them."*

The policy clarifies parental and school's responsibilities regarding attendance. For example:

*"The Parents should:-*

- notify the school if their child is absent. This should be done on the first day of absence. They should also provide an explanation for the absence. This explanation should be confirmed, preferably in writing, when the children return to school*
- avoid arranging medical/dental appointments during school hours*
- not book holidays during term time*
- work in partnership with Northgate to resolve issues which may lead to non-attendance*
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***Authorising absences:*** Only the school can authorise an absence. The fact that a parent has provided an explanation in relation to a particular absence does not oblige the school to accept the explanation offered as a valid reason for absence. Children who are consistently late will receive a letter from the school. If it does not improve the Headteacher will arrange a meeting with the parents."