

March 31st 2017

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. It was good to see everyone back refreshed ready for the new term.

We received good news this week! We have been awarded the Healthy Schools Award. It is a national award that recognises schools' achievements in supporting the health and wellbeing of their pupils. Thank you to Mrs Witney who led the project. Please see more information about it below.

Each half term we introduce a new assembly theme, based on the school's core values. This half term we are focusing on 'politeness' and in our assembly on Wednesday, we discussed how we can show politeness in action, such as in good manners. Many children show good manners in and around school, but over the next few weeks we will look at ways we can improve this further.

Healthy Schools Programme

To gain the Healthy Schools Award, the school had to demonstrate a range of aspects, including how we work to create a positive environment that promotes health and wellbeing and that we celebrate pupils' achievements. It considered our PHSE teaching, our PE opportunities and how we encourage healthy lifestyles. Some areas we have been working on, as a school, recently are improving our PHSE planning, improving opportunities at lunchtimes (including the range of clubs and equipment available) and purchasing new books to support pupils' well-being. The daily mile plays a key part in how we are supporting our pupils' healthy lifestyle.

On Thursday we completed the 'Daily Mile' within school time to ensure all pupils, including nursery, have the opportunity to complete this. Therefore this half term, we will not have the daily mile before school on Thursdays.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Skipping Club

Mr Cavendish will be running a skipping club outside at lunchtimes, on Mondays for KS1 and Fridays for KS2.

KS2 Lunchtime Art Club

Mrs Reed will be taking an art club for KS2 on Wednesday lunchtimes. It will be held in the outside classroom and will start next week.

Year 4/5 Rounders Club

Mrs Reed and Mr King will be taking a rounders' club for years 4 and 5 from 12.45pm-1.30pm on Thursday lunchtimes. Due to limited numbers each week please complete and return the reply slip on the attached letter or let the office know. If more than 30 apply, a rota will be drawn up to allow all children to participate this term.

Important Dates

Mon 24th Apr	Years 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country
Tues 25th Apr	Nursery Allocation Day Cake Sale
Tues 2 nd May	Start of KS1 SATs
8 th -11 th May	KS2 SATs
Mon 15th May	Years 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Tues 16th May	Year 3/4 play - afternoon
Thurs 18th May	Years 3/4 play-7.00pm
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
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day
Sat 10th June	Summer Fayre
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
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 2pm
Mon 4 th Sep	First Day of Autumn Term

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

We have attached the Hertfordshire eSafety newsletter for parents. It contains links to help you to help keep your children safe online and some useful websites.

Gate

For your children's safety do not drop them off before the gates are open. They must be supervised until this time as there will be no staff supervision. If you need details of Early Birds or Breakfast Buddies please ask the school office.

Class News

Class 9 and 10 Trip to the British Museum

Year 5 had a great trip to the British Museum this week. We were very proud of the children's behaviour.

"We went on Wednesday 19th April to London to explore the Ancient Egyptians and their life. It was fantastic to see Cleopatra's coffin and how she was buried. The mummies were a bit gruesome but really interesting to see".... Classes 9 and 10



'On Thursday, Northgate took part in the annual 7 a side football festival at Howe Green School. In the Year 3/4 competition, our team came 3rd out of 8 schools - only missing the final after they lost a thrilling penalty shoot out! The standard of play was amazingly high for such young players and our boys were singled out by the organisers who were particularly impressed by how well they had performed in the semi final - despite the pressure they were under. They all had fun too!'

In the afternoon the year 6 boys took part in their last ever football competition representing Northgate. The boys, much like year 4, did brilliantly to finish in 3rd place in the competition. Their effort and application throughout the tournament was 1st class and they were a credit to the school.



Foundation Cake Sale - Tuesday 25th April 2017

Foundation are very excited about the cake sale. We are hoping to raise some money to purchase some equipment/resources for the developments in our outside area. KS1 and KS2 will bring home a paper plate for them to fill with yummy cakes! All of Foundation will bring a sweet cone to fill up! Please can these be returned on the morning of Tuesday 25th April to your child's classroom. The Foundation will also be baking cakes for the sale in class next week! Cakes will go on sale at the end of school day and will cost £1 per plate or cone. Morning Nursery will do a sale at 11.45am on this day.

Many thanks for your support with this event.

The Foundation team

Celebration of Achievements

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

Nursery: Niamh and Toby M
Reception: Meriel (R1)
Eva (R2)

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for being able to discuss books and texts they have read in detail.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Jack	Class 7:	Rosie
Class 2:	Eva R	Class 8:	Harriet
Class 3:	Finlay	Class 9:	Luke & Rori
Class 4:	James	Class 10:	Livvy
Class 5:	Monty		

Reminders

The Daily Mile

A reminder that there will be no daily mile on Thursdays before school as on Thursdays it will take place during school time.

Lost Property

Any lost property remaining in the box in the reception area at the end of school next Wednesday, 26th April will be taken to a charity shop.

Community News

This Sunday 23rd April, Amber Laking (mum to Charlie in Year 5 and Violet in Year 1) will be running the London Marathon to raise money for the local emergency medical charity - B.E.A.R.S.

They are a group of doctors, nurses and paramedics who respond voluntarily to provide advanced pre-hospital care to critically ill or injured patients in and around Essex.

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please visit Amber's fundraising page below. Many thanks in advance

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/amberlakingrpfhm20158042>

Basketball Training Session for Girls

Hertfordshire Basketball Association are working along with North Herts Knights Basketball Club with regard to offering basketball training sessions for girls. Please see the attached flyer for further information.