

May 12th 2017

Headteacher's News

Congratulations to Year 6 who completed their SATs this week. They all tried really hard and we were proud of how they worked with a really positive attitude. The tests were not easy as they cover content that a few years ago was only covered in secondary school. They need to be undertaken in strict conditions and we had a random spot check by a County Advisor to ensure that they were administered correctly. All was in order. Thank you to the staff this week, who organised a breakfast for Year 6 to make sure they had a good start to the day. The children had a good start by completing the daily mile each day. Thank you also to the Governors who gave up their time to support the administration of the tests. The end of year writing and science teacher assessments are not submitted to the DfE until the end of June so the year 6 children will still be working hard during the coming weeks.

Over the next few weeks we have to say goodbye to a number of members of staff. Kath McConnell, the year 5 teaching assistant, is leaving us next week, after over 20 years with us. We thank her for her commitment to the school and wish her well. We will miss her! We will also be sad to say goodbye, in a few weeks' time, to Mrs Harris in the Office and to Mr King. Receptionist/Administrator and Site Manager positions are currently being advertised on Teach in Herts.

Class News

Foundation News

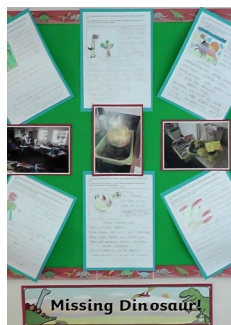
We have had a wonderful week this week. Mr Fowke, a member of the Association, came to our grand opening of our Foundation canopy. The children spent Monday afternoon having a 'canopy party' with some special treats and lots of dancing. Thank you once again to the Association for enabling this to happen. We are all so thrilled!



Foundation have also had a school trip this week to see the well-loved story of the 'The Hungry Caterpillar' come to life at the Rhodes Centre. The children (and adults) had a wonderful time, a fantastic opportunity for all the children to experience. Thank you to all the parent helpers.

Year 1 Dinosaur Planet

Year 1 have loved investigating what might happen if a dinosaur hatched in their classroom. They have written stories and newspaper reports and made missing posters. The children also loved making prehistoric landscapes outside.



Important Dates

Mon 15th May	Years 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Tues 16th May	Year 3/4 play - afternoon
Tues 16 th May	Year 5/6 reading with child
Wed 17 th May	Years 3/4 reading with child
Thurs 18 th May	Foundation reading with child
Thurs 18th May	Years 3/4 play-7.00pm
Fri 19 th May	Years 1/2 reading with child
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
22nd-25th May	Science Week
Fri 26 th May	Inset Day
29th May-2nd June	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
Thurs 20th July	9.05 am Yr6 Leavers' Assembly
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 2pm

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

The Volunteers Policy has been updated in line with current safeguarding regulations. It clarifies many aspects, including which adult helpers need a DBS check and about the use of mobile phones by adults in school and on trips, etc. As well as parents who help in school, we will now ask parent helpers on trips to sign an agreement as we need to ensure all parent helpers are clear on our expectations on how to help keep all our children safe. The new policy can be found on the website under About us/Policies. A reminder that we are running a short safeguarding training session for volunteers on **May 23rd and 24th at 9.00am**. We hope all volunteers attend our safeguarding training annually.

Rotary Club Year 6 Art Competition

It was lovely to see a few Year 6 children at the Rhodes Centre to view artwork and collect their certificates. Well done to Mia A, class 11 winner, and Lily W, class 12 winner. The Rotary Club will present the rest of the certificates in school next half term.



Enriching the Curriculum

Sports

Some year 3/4 children had an enjoyable multi-skills session at Birchwood. "I liked how we got to practice doing lots of stretching and then went on the bars. It was challenging but really fun"...**Rosie** (class 7). "It was really fun and we learnt lots of new things like flips on the bars and balance beams"...**Zoe** (class 7).

Updates

Reading with your child

We look forward to seeing you next week when you can come in and read with your child. We will start at 8.55am in the dining room for a brief session on reading with Miss Greaves. Please see the dates list above for the day allocated to your child's year group.

Year 3/4 Concert

We are looking forward to the Year 3/4 production of Treasure Island next week. Tickets are limited to a maximum of two per family. We appreciate some families would like more but we are limited for space. Photos and a video will be taken. Please do not bring babies or children to the afternoon or evening concerts. The door will be open at 1.45pm for the afternoon performance and 6.45pm for the evening performance.

Science week

If you are able to come in and help during Science week, please let the school office know when you are available. No prior knowledge required!

PE Kit

It is lovely to see some children in the new PE kit. It is on show in the Reception area and can be purchased from Fosters. Fosters will be here on sports day with some stock and will be taking orders. All children will be expected to wear green shorts and a green tracksuit in September.

Chicken Pox

Cases of chicken pox have been reported in school. The main symptoms are spots and blisters which seem to first appear on the face and trunk. Children must stay off school until the last blister has scabbed over.

School Crossing Patrol

County are looking for someone who would be interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol for Northgate. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to call Heather Hill on 01992 556815.

List of Clubs

A list of all current clubs can be found on our website.

Celebration of Achievements

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

Nursery: Isabelle-Grace and Arthur
Reception: Filip (R1)
Alfie (R2)

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for map reading, exploring continents, and exploring the local area.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Ruby	Class 7:	Harry
Class 2:	Gabriella	Class 8:	Louis
Class 3:	William	Class 9:	Callum
Class 4:	Oliver	Class 10:	Olivia
Class 5:	Sophie F	Class 11:	Everyone
Class 6:	Lucy	Class 12:	Everyone

Reminders

Inset Days

Please note we have two inset days around half term. They are **Friday, 26th May** and **Monday, 5th June**.

Summer Fayre

This year's summer fayre is on Saturday, 10th June.

School Journey

Please note the next instalment of the school journey is now due.

Community News

Grove Cottage

Grove Cottage are organising the following events:

Saturday 27 May and Sunday 28 May – Open Garden at Hatfield Heath

Sunday 11 June – Stansted 10k Fun Run and Walk

Sunday 25 June – Wag n Walk for Grove Cottage

Any support you can provide would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please find their flyers attached. Tel: 01279 651908

Email: fundraising@mencapgrovecottage.org

Bishop's Stortford Cricket Club -Girls Coaching Session

The Club is pleased to announce a Girls Junior Coaching session with ex-England Ladies Captain Charlotte Edwards on Friday 2nd June.

It will take place between 3pm and 6pm at Cricketfield Lane

Aimed at girls between 7 and 13

Come along and meet new friends, have loads of fun and keep fit & active

Batting, Bowling, Fielding and Fun activities – Absolutely Free

To book a place please email Graeme Sumner – gsumner@arroweurope.com with name and age of participant and contact details

For further information please see the attached flyer.