

February 15th 2019

Headteacher's News

I think the children and staff are ready for a well deserved rest after another busy week. We have had a lot of sickness amongst the adults and children so we will all benefit from the break. Our apologies for any disruption caused by adults not being at school this week.

My highlights in the last few days include seeing the Year One children dressed up and so excited to meet 'the Queen', plus all the Year Six looking fantastic for their Victorian Day. Please see below for more details.

Today we have had our first inter-house general knowledge quiz. Congratulations to our winners - Saxons 2 (Morgan, Will, Honor and Lea). Joint Runners Up: Vikings 1, Vikings 2 and Romans 2. Thank you for your continued support this term, and in particular for those parents who have supplied their child with a named glue stick or their own tissues. Your contributions are appreciated. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Please remember we have a staff training day on Monday, 25th February so we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday, 26th February.

Year 1 Tea Party for the 'Queen'

Year 1 were very lucky to have a visit from the 'Queen' and her Lady in Waiting on Wednesday. The visit started with a question and answer session—questions written by themselves. This was followed by a tea party with cakes provided by the children.



Year 6 Victorian Day

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic Victorian Day experience. They spent the morning in a Victorian day classroom, learning psalms and practising their handwriting with quills and slates. They also learnt about Queen Victoria's 60th Jubilee celebrations. The afternoon was spent exploring artefacts, dressing up and making traditional toys.



Year 1 - World Religions

Year 1 would like to thank Mrs Siralkatim, one of our parents, for giving a wonderful and informative talk on Islam, to support their learning on world religions.

Important Dates

Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb	Children Return to School
Wed 27th Feb	2.45pm Year 2 Maths Workshop
(please note this replaces 6th Feb)	
Wed 27th Feb	2.10-5.40pm R2 Parent Consultations
Thurs 28th Feb	11.00am Potential Parent Tour
Thurs 28th Feb	3.30-6.00pm R2 Parent Consultations
Thurs 28th Feb	2.45pm Yr 1 Maths Workshop
Tues 5th Mar	4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations
Wed 6th Mar	3.30-6.00pm Parent Consultations
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 8th Mar	School Disco
Mon 11th Mar	Happy School Bags
Mon 18th Mar	9.00am NNAM + Reception Reading with Parents
	2.50pm NNPM Reading with Parents
Wed 20th Mar	9.00am LKS2 Reading with Parents
Thurs 21st Mar	9.00am UKS2 Reading with Parents
Fri 22nd Mar	9.00am KS1 Reading with Parents
Tues 26th Mar	9.00am NNAM Worksharing
	2.50pm NNPM + Reception Worksharing
Wed 27th Mar	2.50pm Yr 3 Worksharing
Thurs 28th Mar	Yr 6 Instrumental Concert
Thurs 28th Mar	2.50pm Yr 5 Worksharing
Fri 29th Mar	2.45pm Yr 2 Worksharing
	2.50pm Yr 6 Worksharing
Mon 1st Apr	9.00am NNAM Mother's Day Breakfast
	3.00pm NNPM Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Tues 2nd Apr	9.00am Reception Mother's Day Breakfast
	2.45pm Yr 1 Worksharing
Wed 3rd Apr	2.15pm and 6.30pm Year 3/4 Show
Thurs 4th Apr	2.50pm Yr 4 Worksharing
Fri 5th Apr	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr	Children Return to School
13th - 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
22nd May	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun	Children Return to School
Sat 8th June	Association Summer Ball
10th—14th Jun	School Journey
Tues 23rd Jul	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th Jul	Occasional Day
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS
Wed 4th Sep	Children Return to School
Mon 1st Jun	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item

Enriching the Curriculum

Netball

Year 5 and 6 played 2 netball games this week. "The first was against Reedings on Monday. The team played very well but lost 12-10. Priya was player of the match for her brilliant goals and her amazing centre passes. The second was on Tuesday, at home against St Josephs. The whole team played really well. Ava, Georgia, Eva and Violet scored very good goals and the final score was 5-3. Gracie and Georgia were players of the match for their amazing passes and goals"...**Eva** (C12).



Year 3 Bench Ball

On Wednesday, Year 3 competed in inter-house bench ball matches. All of the children played really well with them showing improvements in both their passing skills and teamwork. The final scores were: Normans 18, Vikings 16, Saxons 12 and Romans 12.

Reminders and Updates

World Book Day

Don't forget World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March. Weather permitting, the children will parade in the playground at the start of school.

Vet Needed

If anybody knows of a vet who would be able to come into school to talk to our Year 1 children, please contact the school office. Thank you

Parent Consultations

Tuesday, 5th March from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Wednesday, 6th March from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Please make sure you log on to eSchools in preparation for parent consultations. Bookings will open on Tuesday, 26th February at 6.00pm and will close on 1st March at 12.00pm

R2 Parent Consultations

Wednesday, 27th February from 2.10pm to 5.40pm

Thursday, 28th February from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Bookings for R2 are now open and will close on 26th February at 10.00am.

Nursery Admissions

Please note that Nursery applications are now open and will close on Friday, 15th March. To make an application please go to our school website. The application form is under Parent Information - Admissions - Nursery Admissions.

Scrap Paper

If you have any paper we could use as scrap paper, particularly during wet playtimes, please bring it to the school office. Thank you

School Association

Disco

This term's Disco is on Friday, 8th March. Foundation and KS1 from 5.00pm-6:15pm and KS2 from 6:45pm-8.00pm. Tickets will be on sale during disco week priced at £3.00 each. Hot dogs or pizza and chips - £2.00 (pre-order with tickets.) We still need lots more parent volunteers to help - it's great fun! Please sign up at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z7C5Q53>

Happy School Bags

Why not have a sort out during half term and help us raise money too?! Happy School bags will be sent home after half term and our next collection is on the morning of Monday, 11th March. Reusable clothing, paired shoes, accessories and linen can all be recycled and turned into cash for the PTA.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term break - Northgate Association

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Agnes

R1: Matilda

PM: Lilian

R2: Sebastian

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their independence, enthusiasm, investigation, excellent planning and explanations.

Well done to:

Class 1: Charlotte

Class 7: Georgina

Class 2: Anya

Class 8: Jack

Class 3: William

Class 9: Daisy

Class 4: Matilda

Class 10: Poppy B

Class 5: Charlie

Class 11: Finn L

Class 6: Jasmine

Class 12: Robert

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Parent Consultations

Please note Mrs Webb will be available for parent consultations on **Tuesday, 5th March** from 3.00pm to 7.00pm and **not** on Wednesday, 6th March as stated in last week's newsletter.

Please make an appointment if you have not yet met Mrs Webb.

If you would like to find out more about your child's special educational needs, visit Hertfordshire's SEND Local Offer. This is your one-stop shop for information, support, services and activities available for children and young people with special educational needs, and their families. Please follow the link below.



Community

Bishop's Stortford Street Naming

Bishop's Stortford Town Council's Planning and Development Committee are asking residents and schools of Bishop's Stortford to help suggest new street names for future housing developments.

If your child would like to take part, please ask him / her to fill in the attached form with an appropriate street name, along with a the reason for their choice and return to the school office by Friday, 8th March.

The children's suggestions will then be sent to the Town Council who will draw up a short-list for consideration by East Herts Council and the developer.