

March 22nd 2019

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see so many parents and other family members this week coming in to share a book with their child. We look forward to seeing parents at the Year 6 instrumental concert next week at 2.20pm, where the children will have the opportunity to share their musical talents. We also hope to see many of you at worksharing in the next couple of weeks. As the focus for Year 4 this half term is the Performing Arts, leading towards the Year 4 production of *Mystery at Magpie Manor*, please note that we have postponed the Year 4 work sharing.

At the risk of pointing out the obvious, your children are likely to be getting tired at this stage of term. They lead a very busy life in school and we still have a great deal of learning to cover, plus some assessments over the next few weeks. Therefore, I would encourage parents to ensure that their children are getting some downtime in amongst all the activities that also happen out of school and help your child to have a good night's sleep, which is so important for your child's physical and mental wellbeing. NHS recommend children stop using screens an hour before bedtime as the use of electronic gadgets can affect how easily children get to sleep. We wish our children to be successful with their learning and their social interactions—all of which are more challenging when you are tired. Have a great weekend.

Year 4 Seaside Visit

On Tuesday 19th March, Class 7 and 8 went to visit the Seaside Centre in Southend. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, encountering all manner of aquatic animals and even a close encounter with curious Manta rays. The children stroked a Star fish and discovered the unusual manner in the way it eats mussels.

The centre also boasts Wild Nature areas, where the Meerkat Colony and Macaque Monkeys are found. The meerkats found the children most interesting!

The children all behaved well and were a credit to the school. The classes even managed to visit the beach and collected shells.

Thank you to the parents who helped us on our visit.

Mr Wilcox and Mrs Gavin.



Important Dates

Mon 25th Mar	3.15pm Mrs Parrish selling school uniform
Tues 26th Mar	9.00am NNAM Worksharing 2.50pm NNPM + Reception Worksharing
Wed 27th Mar	Yr 1 Visit from a Vet
Wed 27th Mar	2.50pm Yr 3 Worksharing
Thurs 28th Mar	2.20pm Yr 6 Instrumental Concert 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 Year 3/4 Show Dress Rehearsal 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	Puppets Galore
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	Year 6 School Journey
26th Jun	Happy School Bag Collection
11th Jul	Move Up Morning
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
15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection

Mon 1st Jun **2020** INSET DAY

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

The "2 Johns" are coming to Little Hadham!

As seen on BBC breakfast television and numerous radio stations, the 2 Johns (qualified police trainers) will be presenting a 'Keeping Our Kids Safe Online' talk at Little Hadham primary school. This will take place at 6.30pm on 3rd April 2019.

It is an amazing talk and comes highly recommended.

Please call 01279 771285 to book, with a payment of £5.00 on the day. For further information and testimonials, please see the attached flyer.

Enriching the Curriculum

Football Match

On Tuesday, both Northgate teams played Little Hallingbury.

Gold Team - "Unfortunately, we missed a shot and a penalty in the first half. It was nearly the end of the match and the score was still 0-0. Luckily, Rourke scored in the bottom corner to make it 1-0 and after that Harry scored and Hallingbury scored an own goal. We would like to give Man of the Match to Rourke for scoring the first goal" ... **Evan** and **Jack** (class 11)

Silver Team - "We started strongly with Henry scoring and Reuben passing to Toby who scored the second just before half time. In the second half, Feroz scored making it 3-0. Then Hallingbury scored to bring the score to 3-1. Toby scored another bringing the final score to 4-1. We would like to give Man of the Match to Toby for his two amazing goals and his sportsmanship...**Reuben** (class 12) and **Toby** (class 11)

Reminders and Updates

Year 6 Instrumental Concert

Please can parents be at school for 2.20pm next Thursday, 28th March so that we may make a prompt start to the concert.
Thank you

Forgotten Items

As a school, we encourage children to be independent. Part of this is remembering to bring everything they need each day for school. Please try to encourage your child to remember all the items required for the day. The office is very busy, especially first thing in the mornings, and they do not have time to continually deliver children's belongings to the classrooms, unless it is absolutely necessary. We try not interrupt classes to deliver forgotten items, e.g. PE kit, reading records, etc. Items will not be delivered to the classes until break time/lunchtime.

School Uniform

Mrs Parrish will be in the main reception area after school next Monday, 25th March selling school uniform. She stocks items such as skirts, pinafores, shorts, trousers, polo shirts, PE shorts, PE tops, PE jogging bottoms and PE bags (choice of 2 types).

School Association

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

The PTA are delighted to bring a Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop to Northgate again this year. The shop will be open at each morning break next week in the dinner hall where KS1 and KS2 children can buy a Mother's Day gift for £3. Foundation will be able to choose their gifts in their classroom.

If your child would like to purchase a gift please ensure they bring in their money next week.

Thanks for your continued support of the Northgate PTA.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Alexis	R1: Elsie
	PM: Lilian	R2: Marco

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their skills, understanding, passion, contribution and their mouse control.

Well done to:

Class 1: Charlie	Class 7: Isla
Class 2: George	Class 8: Ceylin
Class 3: Filip	Class 9: Cole
Class 4: Daniel	Class 10: Jacob
Class 5: Jensen	Class 11: Elexcia
Class 6: Charlie T	Class 12: Luke

SEND

'Special Needs Today' is a website written by parents, for parents of children with special needs.

It provides articles about current SEND information and news, along with advice and links to other websites.

Please go to:

<https://www.specialneedstoday.co.uk/all-content/>

Community

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership and Active and Safer Travel Team are running a **campaign about the importance of wearing your seat-belt.**



Most people do wear their seatbelts

but still nearly ten per cent choose not to – help them make the right decision for themselves and others. If you have friends or family, who still do not realise how important it is to belt up, have that conversation and make sure they know how much you value their safety, and everyone else's in the vehicle.

Please make sure children are secured in the most appropriate car seat for their age and height. For more on seatbelts and car seats go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/seatbelts

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership is supporting the seatbelt campaign run by Roads Policing, raising awareness about the importance of wearing your seatbelt. You can receive a fine of up to £500 if you are caught not wearing your seatbelt.