

April 5th 2019

## Headteacher's News

What a great end to the term! A massive congratulations to the our boys football team who came first in the local football league. They all played brilliantly in a nail biting match, which Northgate won on the penalty shoot out. Well done boys! See the next page for their report .

We had the treat this week of the Year 3/4 production 'Mystery at Magpie Manor.' I was really proud of all the children, who performed with such enthusiasm. Thank you to parents for their support with such wonderful costumes and all our dedicated staff who gave their time and energy to produce such a fantastic show.

It has been a busy term. If you would like to share your comments on this term, please feel free to add them to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

We have said goodbye to Mrs Elmer, one of our MSAs, today and would like to thank her for all her hard work at Northgate over the last seven years. We wish her well in her new job. Congratulations to Mrs Crumpler, who is expecting her second child in September.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely Easter Holiday and we all look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday, 23rd April.

## Foundation Mothers' Day Breakfast and Afternoon Tea

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Mother's Day breakfast and afternoon tea this week. The children had lots of fun serving you and spending time with you in school. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children.



## Safeguarding

For health and safety reasons, please do **NOT** park in or walk through the staff car park, including for breakfast and after school clubs. The entrance area is extremely busy, especially in the mornings, and we do not wish to have any accidents. Thank you.

## Important Dates

Tues 23rd Apr	Children Return to School
<b>29th Apr-3rd May 2.50pm</b>	<b>Writing Activities with Parents:</b>
Mon 29th Apr	LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
Tues 30th Apr	UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Wed 1st May	KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Fri 3rd May	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
Tues 1st May	Start of KS1 SATs
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 9th May	2.30pm (TBC) Yr 5 Instrumental Concert
13th - 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 17th May	2.30pm (TBC) Yr 4 Instrumental Concert
Wed 22nd May	Yr 6 Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.30pm (TBC) Yr 3 Instrumental Concert
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun	Children Return to School
4th - 8th Jun	International Week
Sat 8th June	Association Summer Ball
10th—14th Jun	Year 6 School Journey
Fri 21st Jun	Yr 2 Music Festival
26th Jun	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 5th July	Sports Day
8th - 12th July 9.00am	Science Week
Mon 8th July	Science Activities with Parents:
Wed 10th July	KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Thurs 11th July	UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Fri 12th July	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
11th Jul	LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
15th - 19th July	Move Up Morning
Tues 16th July	Yr 6 Bikeability
Thurs 18th July	Art Day
Tues 23rd Jul	Takeover Day
Wed 24th Jul	End of Term at 2.00pm
	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

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Football



Yesterday saw our Year 5/6 Gold football team play against St Josephs in the final of the K.A.S. league. It was the most incredible primary school football match, which had a first minute goal and a last minute equaliser. The boys finished the match with a 2-2 draw and so it went on to penalties. Our boys took 8 nerve-wracking penalties, and our goalkeeper saved the 8th penalty from St Joseph's which led them on to win the match! Our year 5/6 boys showed outstanding teamwork and a superb level of skill and represented our school beautifully. A special mention goes to Fraser for his brilliant goal keeping and withstanding the nerves of a penalty shoot-out. Huge congratulations to Jack (Captain and goal scorer), Huey, Evan, Isaac, Archie, Fraser, Sam A, Harry W, Charlie S, Samuel E, Rourke and Tom.

### Reminders and Updates

#### Nature Experts Club

Nature Experts club will not be running on Tuesday, 23rd April but will start again on **Tuesday, 30th April**.

#### School Dinners

New summer term menus have now been sent home. Variations have been emailed.

Charge forecast letters for next half term will also be sent home today.

#### PE Kit

School PE kits are coming home today. Please ensure that complete kits are returned on the first day of term.

#### Cake Sale

A group of class 11 children will be running a cake sale at break time on Friday, 26th April in aid of Lymphoma Action. There will be a variety of cakes, including gluten free, available at 50p and £1.00.

## School Association

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### **Mother's Day Shop**

We hope all Mums/Mummies/Step-Mums enjoyed Mother's Day and that you liked your gifts from our shop. Thank you so much for supporting it - we raised an amazing **£850!** We have had some lovely feedback from several parents about the choice of gifts and quite a few requests for a Father's Day Shop too! Watch this space....

#### **Summer Fundraising Ball**

You will have seen the flyer and email about our exciting Summer Ball being held on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June and know that tickets are NOW ON SALE! The deadline to pay over deposits has been extended to 22nd April. This is going to be a fantastic night, so book your babysitter, dig out your DJ and get in touch with [Mairead.Wright@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Mairead.Wright@yahoo.co.uk) or [topbanana74@hotmail.com](mailto:topbanana74@hotmail.com) for a booking form or more info.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break - The PTA

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Poppy	R1: Sebastian
	PM: Maurice	R2: Lucas

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their good attitude, communication and perseverance.

Well done to:

Class 1: Theo T	Class 8: Norah, Ceylin
Class 2: Tallulah	& Katherine
Class 3: Leanne	Class 9: Harry, Sian
Class 4: Ailsa	& Ewan
Class 5: Jack	Class 10: Rourke
Class 6: Marley	Class 11: Jasmine
Class 7: Mikolaj	Class 12: Robert

## SEND

### Silver Birches Children's Centre

Are you a family with children or young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities?

Come and join us for a Coffee morning

at Silver Birches Children's Centre

where the children can play and you can meet other parents & carers who understand

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

10.00 am until 11.30 am

For more information please call 0300 123 7572 or go to [www.hertsfamilycentres.org](http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org)

## MSA

### Vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you know anyone in the local community (parents, grandparents, friends, relatives or neighbours) who could work during lunchtimes in the school please contact the school office. This could be five days a week or two or three days a week. Thank you

## Community

### Gardens of Easton Lodge

Sunday, 28th April is the first open day of the season at Easton Lodge. It will be a chance to enjoy spring leaves and flowers and to see the work done in the Gardens over the winter. There will be a fairy trail for the children, the opportunity to visit the tree-house, guided historical tours, folk music and a range of stalls. The gardens are open from 11.30am until 5.00pm, with the last entry at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be available and entry is £4.50 for adults and free for children and well behaved dogs. More information can be found in the attached flyer or on their website at [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk)