

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

May 24th 2019

## Headteacher's News

The children have had great fun today on our 'Break the Rule Day.' Even some of the teachers joined in, including Miss Hartley who came in in her pyjamas! Thanks to our PTA for organising the event.

Congratulations to Year 4 for last week and Year 3 for this week, for some stunning performances in their instrumental concerts. Thank you to Mrs Newman for leading the concerts.

The children have been participating in 'Walk to School Week' and talked about the issues around health and wellbeing. The class that had walked the most this week was class 5. Thanks to the everyone who has supported the Walk to School Week. I have had a letter from a concerned pupil, Emily who lives in one of the neighbouring roads, that people are parking inconsiderately in the road she lives in, making it difficult for larger vehicles, such as ambulances and fire engines to get down. I have also had complaints about parents leaving their car engines running outside the school, impacting the air pollution. Please park considerably. If you are interested in helping re-instate the waling bus, either from the Rugby Club or Grange Paddocks car park, please let the office know.

I was surprised when I received the letter from Public Health England this week that the average over the last 3 years of the children measured in Year Six in the National Child Measurement Programme indicated that 26% of our children were either overweight or obese. (Please note you would have had a letter if this was your child).

This is the time of year when teachers most teaching jobs are available. We are sad to say that Mr Wilcox will be moving to a school in Waltham Abbey at the end of the school year and Miss Hathaway is moving to work at her old school, The College. Both will be sadly missed. We are delighted to have recruited a number of new staff, many of whom are very experienced. We are also pleased to welcome back for a couple of days a week until the end of the summer term, Mr Glozier who will be working with year 5 and 6.

We wish our congratulations to Mrs Clynes who is 13 weeks pregnant with her first child. There is definitely something in the water at school!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

## Crucial Crew

On Wednesday, Year 6 went to Crucial Crew at the Barnabas Centre. We learnt all about different types of safety, including rail, road and water safety. They also had a session on how to manage anxiety.

"I enjoyed it when we lay down to practise first aid and the recovery position"...Zoe (class 11).

## Important Dates

**27th - 31st May 2019**

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

International Week

Dress in international costume or the colours of a flag

2.30pm Gates open for the **2.45pm start of the International Week Concert and Market**

Association Summer Ball

Year 6 School Journey

**12.30pm to 4.40pm Yr3-5 Primary**

**Music Day at Birchwood**

**Class 5 Swimming Starts**

Class Photos including Year 6 Leavers

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**Yr 2 Music Festival at Rhodes Centre**

**Reception to Willows Farm**

**6.30pm Early Years Information**

**Evening for New Parents**

Happy School Bag Collection

**7.00pm-9.00pm Yr 6 Leavers Disco**

**Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip**

**Y 5/6 Rhodes Production**

**2.50pm Yr 4 Work Sharing**

Sports Day / Colour Run / BBQ / Disco

**Science Week**

**Science Activities with Parents:**

KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)

UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)

EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)

Move Up Morning

Yr 6 Bikeability

Art Day

Takeover Day

Yr 4 Stansted Mountfitchet Trip

**Yr 6 Family Party at Rugby Club**

9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Occasional Day

## Half term

Mon 3rd June

Tues 4th June

4th - 7th June

Fri 7th June

Sat 8th June

10th—14th June

**12th June**

Mon 17th June

**Fri 21st June**

**Mon 24th June**

**25th June**

26th June

**Fri 28th June**

**Mon 1st July**

**Tues 2nd July**

**Thurs 4th July**

Fri 5th July

**8th - 12th July**

**9.00am**

Mon 8th July

Wed 10th July

Thurs 11th July

Fri 12th July

11th July

15th - 19th July

Tues 16th July

Thurs 18th July

Fri 19th July

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

Wed 24th July

Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep INSET DAYS

## Safeguarding

One of our Governors recently came in to discuss safeguarding with staff and children. She was very pleased to report that our children appeared confident with safeguarding, including internet safety and that staff had a clear understanding of school procedures. This was part of our regular safeguarding monitoring.

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Kwik Cricket

On Wednesday a team of Year 6 children took part in a competition at Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club. They gelled from the first moment together and teamwork was the key to their success. Playing on the hottest day of the year so far, with a lovely picnic lunch, who could ask for more!

## Reminders and Updates

### International Week

On Friday 7th June children can come dressed in either a country's traditional clothing or wearing the colours of a country's flag.

Also on this day, gates will open at 2.30pm for the concert to start at 2.45pm. This will take place outside, weather permitting.

### Guided Reading

Please note there will be **NO** guided during the first week back after half term, due to International Week. We will start again from Monday, 10th June.

### Year 2 Music Festival

The Year 2 Music Festival will take place from 2.00pm to 2.45pm on Friday, 21st June. **Please pick up your child from the Rhodes Centre. Tickets will be on sale from the Rhodes Centre from 12.00 noon on Friday, 7th June, priced at £4.00 each.**

### Year 5 and 6 Literature

Thank you to those who have donated high quality reading books. If anyone else has any they could donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you

### School Dinners

Please can you make payment for next half term's school dinners before we return after the holiday. **Payment must be made in advance** of your child having the meals. You can make payment half termly, monthly or weekly but please can you ensure that you remain in credit. Payment is to be made on School Gateway. This half terms costings are:

**Dinners every day = £90.00**

**Dinners on Wednesday and Fridays = £40.00**

**Dinner on just Wednesdays or just Fridays = £20.00**

If you think you may be in credit or are unsure of what to pay, charge forecast letters will be sent out today.

**Year 6 parents** - please do not make payment until you have received your charge forecast letter.

If you wish to change your child's meal pattern, please give **one week's notice** as the kitchen order their food a week in advance.

### Cake Sale

We are pleased to say that the Year 6 girls raised an amazing **£226.82** for the WWF at their cake sale today.

## School Association

We hope everyone enjoyed a day of a little bit of rebellion! It was lovely to see some crazy hair styles and colourful shoes this morning! Thank you for supporting the day.

### Coming up....

We will be opening a **Father's Day** pop up shop in the week before Father's Day and selling some lovely gifts for the children to buy. More details after half term.

A reminder that the next **Happy School Bags** collection is 25th June so if you're having a sort out over the break please keep hold of anything you could donate until then.

We will also be giving more details of our **Colour Run and Summer Disco** after the holiday. We will be needing some volunteers to help run the day so please pop 5th July in your diary and look out for the Signup Genius link to volunteer your time.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Rosie-May	R1: Jack
	PM: Henry	R2: Evie

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their perseverance.

Well done to:

Class 1: Luca	Class 7: Lucy M
Class 2: Abigail	Class 8: Megan
Class 3: Rose	Class 9: Sam A
Class 4: Ralf	Class 10: Poppy B
Class 5: Sophie	Class 11: Georgia
Class 6: Marley	Class 12: Davide

## Community

### Song-Writing Workshops this May Half Term

Young people from across Hertfordshire will join professional songwriters in subsidised song-writing classes organised by Hertfordshire Music Service.

They are open to anyone aged 8-18 years old and will focus on helping young people write songs about their experiences of growing up in Hertfordshire. Participants can enjoy becoming part of a relaxed and informal song-writing community, developing skills in writing, performing and making new friends. At the end of the day young people will have the chance to perform and record their songs, which can also be uploaded to the Hertfordshire Songwriter Chart to be considered for showcase performances, including some at the Royal Albert Hall in March 2020. For further information, please go to.

<https://songwriteronline.co.uk/workshops>

### Bishop's Stortford Carnival Parade and Fun Day - Saturday 15 June 2019 - "Around the World"

Spectacular dancing, rhythms and vibrant costumes from around the world will light up the Bishop's Stortford Carnival Parade and Fun Day.

There will be various demonstrations and performances, including **The Shaolin Warriors UK** (Kung Fu), **Coda Falconry** flying demonstrations (participate in free "Hold a Bird of Prey" workshops) and **Essex Reptile Encounters** (offering free handling and photo opportunities).

Music and dance from talented local performers will be on show at the Bandstand Arena.

Come and support local organisations who will be participating in fun sports day races in **The Mayor's Community Games** and be sure to visit **The Carnival Cruise**, a special array of decorated working and pleasure boats, moored along the river between the Register Office (CM23 2DL) and Station Road.

The **Carnival Fun Day** on Sworders Field (CM23 2EL) is from 12pm -5pm. The **Carnival Parade** departs Rhodes Arts Centre (CM23 3JG) at 12.30pm, processes through South Street, Potter Street, Market Square, North Street and Northgate End, finishing on Link Road at approximately 1.20pm. For further information please go to <https://www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/carnival-parade-and-fun-day-2019>