

May 10th 2019

Headteacher's News

Well done Year 5 for a fantastic instrumental concert. Once again we were "wowed" by the wealth of musical talent. The grand finale was the year group giving an uplifting rendition of a song from Matilda. Thank you to Mrs Newman for organising the event. The Year Twos have been working hard this week with their SATs tests. They will continue with these in small groups for the next two weeks.

Good luck year 6, for their SATs next week. The children have worked very hard in preparation for them.

If you would still like a Ball ticket, please contact

Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk or topbanana74@hotmail.com.

It will be one of key summer fundraising events. The PTA will be using their funds this term to support our International Week and our Science Week.

Congratulations to Mrs Claxton who is 14 weeks pregnant. If you notice your child has any signs of the symptoms of chicken pox, German measles, slapped cheek or measles please take medical advice immediately and inform the school office.

Hope you have a restful weekend.

Nursery and Reception Fire Engine Visit

This week the foundation stage were very fortunate to have a visit from Mr Wilkins and the White Watch team. The children enjoyed learning about the role of a firefighter and all the different types of calls they get. They were extremely excited when they got to go on the fire engine and use the hose to squirt water. Thank you to Mr Wilkins and his team, the children had a wonderful time.

"Mrs Abblitt was the assistant and got to dress up in the fire fighters uniform."...**Arabelle** (R1)

"The fire fighters came in to see Nursery and Reception. We got to spray the hose. It was fantastic."...

Sebastian (R1)

"They told us about their job. We learnt about having a fire alarm in our house and if we didn't have one then we could get one for free."...**Arthur** (R1)



Important Dates

13th - 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 17th May	2.40pm Yr 4 Instrumental Concert - PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
Wed 22nd May	Yr 6 Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.40pm Yr 3 Instrumental Concert - PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd June	INSET DAY
Tues 4th June	Children Return to School
4th - 7th June	International Week
Fri 7th June	2.30pm International Week Concert and Market
Wed 5th June	Class Photos including Year 6 Leavers
Sat 8th June	Association Summer Ball
10th—14th June	Year 6 School Journey
12th June	Primary Music Day
Fri 21st June	Yr 2 Music Festival
26th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 5th July	Sports Day / Colour Run / BBQ / Disco
8th - 12th July	Science Week
9.00am	Science Activities with Parents:
Mon 8th July	KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Wed 10th July	UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Thurs 11th July	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
Fri 12th July	LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
11th July	Move Up Morning
15th - 19th July	Yr 6 Bikeability
Tues 16th July	Art Day
Thurs 18th July	Takeover Day
Mon 22nd July	9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 23rd July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS
Wed 4th Sep	Children Return to School
15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks
3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection
Mon 1st Jun 2020	INSET DAY

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

We have had another accident after school. Please do **NOT** allow your child to climb on the playground apparatus before and after school. Even if you are supervising your child, this encourages other children to go on and we do not want any further accidents.

Reminders and Updates

School Gateway

We hope you are all getting used to School Gateway and doing everything on line.

Schoolgateway



Don't forget to download the free smartphone app as it is a very handy way of doing things. Go to your phone's app store and search for School Gateway.

All outstanding items will be listed in the payments section. Once you have actioned an item it will disappear from the list. The items will also disappear after the date that they are due to be completed by, so please ensure that you complete them on time.

If you wish to see all the transactions you have completed, you need to log on to the School Gateway website and there is a tab at the top right called Payment History where you can see all your transactions made.

Medicines

If your child needs any medicine, please be advised that it must be in its original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. Children must not bring medicines to school in their bags or pockets, they need to be brought in by an adult and handed in/collected to/from the school office. An Administration of Medication form must be completed and handed in at the school office by the parent/carer. Forms can be obtained from the school office or can be found on the school website. Parents need to be aware of expiry dates and replace items such as inhalers and auto-injectors prior to expiry.

School Association

Association News

Summer Fundraising Ball

In less than a month the marquee will be up and dressed and the band will be warming up for our Summer Ball. For those who have reserved tickets, the balance is now due to be paid and by 17th May at the latest. There's still room for a few more party goers so contact Mairead

(Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk) or Amber

(topbanana74@hotmail.com) if you'd like tickets.

There will be the chance to enter a blind bid in our auction and to enter the raffle even if you are not attending on the night so look out for details and tickets in your child's book bag in the next week or so.

Summer Disco and Colour Run

We have been planning our post-sports day event on Friday 5th July and this year we will be organising a Colour Run for the children! Afterwards our favourite DJ the Digital Pocahontas will be playing some tunes while our bar and BBQ will be open for refreshments. More details to follow

Fireworks 2019

Our annual fireworks event has been booked for Friday 8th November. We are still looking for someone, or a team of people, to take over this easy-to-organise event from Peter Fowke. Perhaps a group of Dads would like to take this on together! Please get in touch at ptanorthgate@gmail.com if you are interested.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Lumen	R1: Arthur
	PM: George W	R2: Samuel

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for creativity, high level vocabulary and responding to feedback.

Well done to:

Class 1: Charlotte	Class 7: Zoe
Class 2: Toby	Class 8: Jack
Class 3: Grace	Class 9: Esme
Class 4: Poppy W	Class 10: Sam
Class 5: Ruby G	Class 11: Eryn
Class 6: Gregor	Class 12: Reuben

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The Learners Community Library

This runs every Wednesday afternoon at the Herts and Essex Hospital. It provides a large range of resources for children who require additional needs. For more information, please see the website below.

<https://>

www.learnerscommunitylibrary.com/about_us



Community

Nature Day on 19th May at the Gardens of Easton Lodge

Well-known local naturalist Jono Forgham will lead bug hunts, bird walks and other nature activities suitable for all ages! The Gardens' beekeepers will showcase the work of our honey bees. Essex Bat Group, Uttlesford Badger Group, Essex Wildlife Trust and the RSPB will be on hand to talk to visitors about the wildlife in the area. There will also be a plant stall, and visitors enjoy spring cheer from the Thaxted Morris dancers. The Gardens are open from 11.30am to 5pm, with last entry at 4pm. Entrance fee is £4.50 for adults and there's free entry for children under 16. Hot and cold drinks, bacon and cheese rolls and homemade cakes will be available; and there will also be a children's nature trail and craft activities.

Bishop's Stortford Library

Elmer the patchwork elephant is celebrating his 30th birthday this year. He is loved across the generations and is always there to cheer everyone up and to save the day in his own reassuring way. To celebrate Elmer's birthday, dress up in your brightest colours and come along to the library from 11.00am to 11.30am on Saturday, 25th May. It's FREE but donations are welcomed - there is no need to book in advance.

