

March 29th 2019

### Headteacher's News

I was incredibly proud of the Year 6, who performed fantastically in their Instrumental concert. It was a great opportunity for so many of our pupils to showcase their talents. Our orchestra opened the concert with a wonderful rendition of the Dr Who theme tune. Our soloists played a wide range of instruments, including the cello, guitar, and clarinet, to such a high standard. Our concert finished with Year 6 singing a piece from Matilda. Thank you to Mrs Newman for organising this great event. The dates for the Year 3, 4 and 5 concerts will follow shortly.

We have another action packed week next week and look forward to seeing many of you at worksharing, Nursery Mother's Day breakfast / afternoon tea, Reception Mother's Day breakfast or the Year 3 / 4 production.

Please remember that we break up for the Easter holidays next Friday at **2.00pm** and return to school on Tuesday, 23rd April.

Have a great weekend.

### Year 1 Nationwide Visit

Year 1 were lucky to have two members of the Nationwide Building Society visit them as they have been studying money in their maths lessons. The children learnt to fill out a cheque and about saving money. In the afternoon they were given their own ceramic piggy bank and they had great fun painting them.



### Year 1 Vet Visit

On Wednesday, Sally came to visit us. She is a vet at the Bishop's Stortford Veterinary Hospital. This links to our topic of paws, claws and whiskers. Sally talked the children through a day in the life of a vet. They also learnt about things that are toxic to animals and were shown samples so they could see what they look like.



### Important Dates

Mon 1st Apr	9.00am NNAM Mother's Day Breakfast <b>2.45pm</b> 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	9.30am Puppets Galore - EYFS & KS1  10.00am Puppets Galore - KS2
Tues 23rd Apr	<b>Term Ends at 2.00pm</b> Children Return to School
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
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

Children are **NOT** allowed on the playground apparatus before and after school. Even if you are supervising your child, this encourages other children to go on and we have, in the past, had a serious accident at this time.

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Football

Good luck to the Gold Team who are playing Summercroft after school today in the semi final of the KAS league.

### Reminders and Updates

#### Year 3/4 Production

We are looking forward to the Year 3/4 production of Mystery at Magpie Manor next Wednesday, 3rd April. Tickets are limited to a maximum of two per family. We appreciate some families would like more but we are limited for space. The door will be open at 2.00pm for the afternoon performance and 6.15pm for the evening performance and the children need to be back at school for 6.00pm. Please can the children bring their costumes into school by next Monday, 1st April.

#### Left Handed Children

A parent at Northgate has set up a group on Facebook for parents of children who are left handed. This is a support group to share ideas and resources to help left handed children. The name of the group is Northgate Left Handers and is a great opportunity for parents to communicate with each other. This is organised independently from school.

#### School Dinners

Please ensure you are always in credit with your child's school dinners. If you are unsure, go into School Gateway under your child's name and click on the option 'Lunch Money'. This shows your current balance, which should always be in credit. This does not show what you owe until the end of each half term, however the charge forecast letters that are sent home will show this information. Thank you

#### GDPR

There is now a legal requirement that parents consent to information given by schools.

You will all have received an email asking for you to tick the consent box and check out the item to give permission for:

- 1) The school to contact all my child's contacts by post, phone, text message or email with news about what's happening at school and about extra-curricular activities.
- 2) The school to contact all my child's contacts on behalf of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) via e-mail with news about events, updates, offers for help etc. All e-mail communications are sent to Priority 1 and 2 contacts, for whom we have an e-mail.

Please could you do this as soon as possible.

## School Association

### Association News

#### Mother's Day Shop

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop this week. We pretty much sold out which is fantastic! The children really enjoyed choosing their gifts so we hope all you Mums are pleased with them when they present them on Sunday and that you have a lovely Mother's Day despite the clocks changing!

#### Summer Ball

At last.... tickets are now on sale for our Summer Fundraising Ball on Saturday, 8th June. See the separate email from the school office for full details of the event and how to buy your tickets. Our last ball was 3 years ago and was a brilliant night. We hope this one will be even better. Tickets are limited so get in quick!

Best wishes - The PTA

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Lumen	R1: Martha
	PM: Alfred	R2: Joseph

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on RE / PSHE.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their contributions, participation and great ideas.

Well done to:

Class 1: Freya	Class 7: Isabella
Class 2: Lottie	Class 8: Harry G
Class 3: Zach	Class 9: Isabella
Class 4: Sakeena	Class 10: Sophie
Class 5: Aleya	Class 11: Louis
Class 6: Annabel	Class 12: Elizabeth B

## SEND

### Autism Awareness Day is on 2nd April

If you are looking for advice, support or just a chat over a coffee with other families, PACT and Space support families with Autism and run groups in Bishop's Stortford. Please see their websites for further details.



<https://www.pactforautism.org.uk/>

<http://www.spaceherts.org.uk/bishops%20stortford.htm>

## Community

### Create and code with an Ozobo

At Bishops Stortford Library from 10.30am to 3.30pm on 30th March.

Book your child's place on one of our workshops at the library.

Plus FREE fun for all ages, including:

- VR headsets
- coding with Cubetto
- Micro:Bits
- Banana Piano

For ages 6+, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Tickets £3.00 per child

See the attached flyer for further information.