

January 25th 2019

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to meet the parents today at the coffee morning. It gave me the chance to get to know them a little better and for parents to chat with some members of our PTA. With the school budget constantly getting tighter, the PTA play a key role with their fundraising. One of the next things they are funding is the Life Bus in Healthy Schools Week, where each year group has a session in the bus focusing on a different aspect of healthy living. The PTA also play a vital part in developing the school community with the amazing events they run. This term there will be a film night and disco for the children. The Ball makes a welcome return as the key event in the summer term. Families support the PTA in many different ways and the time commitment can be as small or large as you wish. Please contact the PTA on ptanorthgate@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming more involved.

The Governors meet regularly to have frequent discussions on the challenges in balancing school budgets. If you would like to support the school finances in a small way, it would be greatly appreciated if you could provide your child with their own glue stick and small pack of tissues. Please name them.

It was great to see so many family members this week sharing their children's learning with the maths games. Don't forget if you are a Key Stage Two parent and would like more information about supporting your child with writing, we will be running a short session to help you next Wednesday morning. Key Stage One will also be running workshops this term on supporting maths. Please see the Important Dates list for these.

Year 2 Street Detective Walk

As part of Year 2's topic 'Street Detectives', both classes enjoyed a walk around the local area and learnt different historical and geographical facts. The children used maps to record the route we walked and learnt how to read a map. We found out about the old Northgate End School and also Chantry Mount School. Thank you to all the parents who helped the children develop map reading skills during the walk.



Important Dates

Wed 30th Jan	9.00am - 9.45am Supporting with writing at KS2 Festival of Literature
Fri 1st Feb	2.00pm Yr 3 Festival of Literature
Mon 4th Feb	9.30am Yr 1 Festival of Literature 2.00pm Yr5 Festival of Literature
Tues 5th Feb	2.00pm Yr6 Festival of Literature
Thurs 7th Feb	2.00pm Yr 4 Festival of Literature
Fri 8th Feb	2.00pm Yr 2 Festival of Literature
4th— 8th Feb	Healthy Schools Week
Fri 8th Feb	PTA Film Night
Wed 13th Feb	1.30pm Tea Party for the 'Queen'
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb	Children Return to School
Wed 27th Feb	2.45pm Year 2 Maths Workshop
(please note this replaces 6th Feb)	
Thurs 28th Feb	2.45pm Yr 1 Maths Workshop
Tues 5th Mar	4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations
Wed 6th Mar	3.30-6.00pm Parent Consultations
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 8th Mar	School Disco
Mon 18th Mar	9.00am NNAM + Reception Reading with Parents
	2.50pm NNPM Reading with Parents
Wed 20th Mar	9.00am LKS2 Reading with Parents
Thurs 21st Mar	9.00am UKS2 Reading with Parents
Fri 22nd Mar	9.00am KS1 Reading with Parents
Tues 26th Mar	9.00am NNAM Worksharing
	2.50pm NNPM + Reception Worksharing
Wed 27th Mar	2.50pm Yr 3 Worksharing
Thurs 28th Mar	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
	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	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr	Children Return to School
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun	Children Return to School
Sat 8th Jun	Association Summer Ball
Tues 23rd July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day
*Red = New Item	

Safeguarding

This week we discovered a group of children were not taking road safety seriously. Mrs Tanner talked to the children in assembly but please also remind your children about how to stay safe near roads.

Reading with Parents

NNAM + Reception	9.00am Monday, 18th March
NNPM	2.50pm Monday, 18th March
KS1	9.00am Friday, 22nd March
LKS2	9.00am Wednesday, 20th March
UKS2	9.00am Thursday, 21st March

Worksharing

NNAM	9.00am Tuesday, 26th March
NNPM + Reception	2.50pm Tuesday, 26th March
Year 1	2.45pm Tuesday, 2nd April
Year 2	2.45pm Friday, 29th March
Year 3	2.50pm Wednesday, 27th March
Year 4	2.50pm Thursday, 4th April
Year 5	2.50pm Thursday, 28th March
Year 6	2.50pm Friday, 29th March

Reminders and Updates

Absence

Please remember to keep your children off of school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please do not forget to contact school if your child is going to be absent. This can be done either by email to absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk or by telephone through the absence line. Remember to leave a clear message, including your child's name, class number and the reason he/she is going to be absent. Thank you

Late Children

We are aware that there are a number of children who are regularly arriving at school late. Learning starts as soon as the children come in and it is very important that children are not consistently late. I will be meeting with parents in the coming weeks where there seems to be a problem.

School Association

Association News

Thank you to those who came to our coffee morning today. It's always lovely to meet new parents who are keen to get involved with our fundraising activities. I hope we answered your questions and gave you a good insight into the Association. For those who couldn't attend and for anyone who might like to know more, a short flyer answering some FAQ's about the Association and what we do is attached to this newsletter.

Film Night

The next Association Film Night will be held on Friday 8th February from 3:15 - 5:15pm. The children will have a choice of film this time - Paddington 2 or Hotel Transylvania 3. Flyers will be sent out next week with full details of how to book your place. As always, we need parent volunteers to help run the event so if you can spare some time, either to set up, help during the film, clear away or any or all of those then please contact your class rep or email gemma.aziz@yahoo.com.

Many thanks

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Mateusz	R1: Aditi
PM: Henry	R2: Emily

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their use of vocabulary, editing and improving their skills and excellent progress since September.

Well done to:

Class 1: Elyse	Class 7: Oliver
Class 2: Tahsin	Class 8: Alice
Class 3: Harry	Class 9: Isabelle
Class 4: Oscar	Class 10: Thomas
Class 5: Eva	Class 11: Louis
Class 6: Megan	Class 12: Freya

SEND

Message from a local SEND Group

DSPL3: 'Power of Silence' Parent Workshop to be held at Northgate from 9.15am to 11.15am on Friday, 8th February

This free workshop is designed to help parents and carers understand the impact of language and communication. The session highlights the importance of communication between parents and children with additional needs and the facilitator will model the strategies and skills that are required. The session will cover elements of 'STEPS' with regards to limited language, positive phrasing and choice making, as well as ideas concerning processing time and how to extend communication exchanges with support. The workshop is open to all parents of children with additional needs, rather than just those with Autism. Please see the attached flyer for further information and contact the school office to book a place.

Community

Bishop's Stortford Sports Trust

The Bishop's Stortford Sports Trust have informed us that parents are still parking inconsiderately in their car park and when spoken to, one or two parents have been verbally abusive. If this continues these gates will be locked.

Fosters Schoolwear

Fosters have worked extremely hard with their suppliers to keep their 2019 price increases to a minimum, however an increase will be implemented from 1st February. If you wish to purchase uniform before these price rises they recommend you do so before 31st January 2019. **Please find their new price list attached.**

Fosters would like to thank you for your continued support throughout 2018 and assure you that they are fully committed to supplying you quality uniforms, together with an excellent service in 2019 and for many years to come.