

May 6th 2022

## Headteacher's News

I hope you had an enjoyable long weekend. Welcome to our new members of staff, Mrs Martina Jeffcoate who has replaced Mrs Taub in the office, and Mrs Isabelle Cordoba, who has replaced Mrs Wilkes in the Nursery.

Our attendance officer visited the school and she was concerned about the number of children who are persistently absent or late. We are aware that many children in the school have had Covid but it is really important now to get children back in school to help close gaps in learning. I have been advised not to authorise vague statements such as 'unwell' or children who are regularly taking days off with minor ailments such as headaches, particularly if there is a pattern of certain days. Please support your children's education by ensuring they are in school as much as possible. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Good luck year 6, for their SATs next week. The children have worked very hard in preparation for them. This years results will be shared with individual parents and the secondary schools. Due to interruptions in learning, data will not be published for parents to compare schools this year.

Have a wonderful weekend

## Audley End Fairy Walk/Train Ride

Year 1 had a magical day on their school trip to Audley End Enchanted Forest. They were able to develop their imagination when walking through the fairy woodland and had fun on the train ride spotting different creatures along the way! This was a great trip and has been invaluable in supporting their ideas for their writing back in the classroom.



## Enriching the Curriculum BSP Mini Tennis

On Wednesday this week eight children from Year 3 took part in their first tennis competition against other schools at the Lawn Tennis Club. They thoroughly enjoyed it and did extremely well, with the A team coming 1st and receiving medals and the B team coming 5th!

Many congratulations children!



## Important Dates - 2021/22

### May 2022

#### 9th-12th May

Thurs 19th May  
Thurs 19th May  
Fri 20th May  
Thurs 26th May  
Fri 27th May

30th May-3rd Jun

#### Mon 6th June

Thurs 9th June  
Tues 14th June  
Thurs 16th June  
Fri 17th June  
W/cm 7th June  
7th-10th June  
7th-24th June  
Sat 11th June  
W/cm 13th June  
Thurs 16th June  
20th to 24th June  
Weds 22nd June  
Thurs 30th June  
Mon 4th July  
Tues 5th July  
Weds 6th July  
Fri 8th July  
W/cm 11th July  
Thurs 14th July  
Mon 18th July  
W/cm 18th July  
Tues 19th July  
Thurs 21st July

#### 1st-2nd Sept

#### Monday 5th Sept

### Year 2 SATs

#### Year 6 SATs week

Year 5 Instrumental Concert  
Crucial Crew (St James' Church)  
PTA Film Night  
Year 6 Instrumental Concert  
Queen's Jubilee Lunch  
(wear red, white and blue)  
May Half Term

#### INSET DAY

Year 4 Instrumental Concert  
9am - Year 1 and 2 Reading with Parents  
9am - Year 5 and 6 Reading with Parents  
9am - Year 3 and 4 Reading with Parents  
Friendship Week (revised date)  
Year 1 Phonics Week  
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check  
PTA Summer Fayre  
Father's Day Shop  
Year 3 Instrumental Concert  
Year 6 School Journey  
Year 1 - Paradise Wildlife Park  
Happy School Bag Collection  
Year 5/6 Rehearsal at Theatre  
Year 5/6 End of Year Performance  
Provisional Year 3 - Celtic Harmony Trip  
Sports Day  
International Week  
Move Up Day  
Art Day  
PTA Ice Cream Sales  
Take Over Day  
End of Term at 2.00pm  
INSET DAYS  
Children Return to School

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding

### School Crossing Patrol

We have a new crossing patrol lady Mrs Razia. She will be in position further up Cricketfield Lane from 8.30am—9.05am in the mornings and 3.00pm—3.35pm in the afternoons to assist the children crossing the road.

I am sure she will be warmly welcomed by all.



## Charity Swimathon

There are a group of swimmers mainly in year 4 that are testing themselves in a challenge to swim 40 lengths EACH of Grange Paddocks pool for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie at the Swimathon 2022.

If you would like to support the children and donate then please click [here](#).



## Reminders and Updates

**Jewellery, Hair, etc.** For health and safety reasons no jewellery is permitted in school, including stud earrings. Newly pierced ears must be covered in school and a letter supplied via the office, giving the date of piercing and the date they will be removed.

We do not allow fashion accessories such as nail varnish, hair braids and hair gel or hair cream. Long hair must be tied back and decorative hair slides/ties must be in school colours. No extreme hair styles, e.g. shaved tramlines.

### Sun Hats/Sun Cream

Now the weather is getting better please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before school and make sure they have a sun hat in their school bag at all times.



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Max A

R1: Florence

R2: Nicolae

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, including measuring, drawing and calculating missing angles and telling the time/converting between minutes and hours.

Well done to:

Class 1: Lucas S

Class 7: Monty

Class 2: Rafie

Class 8: Annie

Class 3: Cassandra

Class 9: Tommy

Class 4: Poppy

Class 10: Hawaa

Class 5: Orla

Class 11: Charlie H

Class 6: Bohuslava

Class 12: Martha

## Northgate School Association

### Film Night Reception—Year 6

Our next PTA event is our Film Night, on Friday 20th May 2022! Please find attached the poster providing you with all the information.

As shown on the poster, this is a cashless event, all selections including tickets to be made on TicketSource.

As a reminder, we are unable to run this event without volunteers, please complete our survey [here](#) to confirm your support.



### Curry & Quiz Night

The PTA have partnered with the Wheatsheaf pub on Rye Street for an adults only Quiz Night.

Do you fancy yourself as the next 'Chaser'? Test your trivia and general knowledge by getting a team together and entering our PTA pub quiz. You could win a bottle of bubbly! Tickets on the door.

**Date:** 26th May 2022 **Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Wheatsheaf Public House, 28 Northgate End, CM23 2EU



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### Summer Fayre

The first request for volunteers has been sent out via class reps with a sneak peek into the theme of the Fayre.

To support this event by giving us your time on the day, please complete our survey [here](#).

### Can you help?

We are urgently seeking parents/carers to donate for our **Cake Stall**. Please let us know via [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com) if you are able to whip something up at home OR purchase via a local shop!

### Gazebos!

Let's face it, the British weather requires a Plan B. Do you have a Gazebo that you can lend us for the day and be there to set it up and pack it away at the end? If yes, please let us know via

[ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com)



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes Geri Wren and Jo Parrott