

March 15th 2019

Headteacher's News

We look forward to seeing you in the 'reading with parents' sessions next week; please see the diary for more details. As parents, we are aware of the important part we play in the development and educational performance of our children. Busy lives mean many challenges but parental reading to children increases the child's reading and other cognitive skills at least up to the age of 10–11. This is an early-life intervention that seems to be beneficial for the rest of their lives. The strategy of 'pause, prompt, praise' may help you when listening to children read: pausing to let them work out words if they get stuck, providing a prompt or 'clue' to help (but not giving the answer), and praising them when they concentrate and problem-solve. Reading in an interactive way and having more frequent conversations with your children are particularly important. Support with homework is also important. Research shows that children who regularly complete homework have better school outcomes than children who do not.

As parents, how can you best support your child?

- Create a regular routine and encourage good homework habits which are reinforced with praise and rewards
- Show an interest in what they are doing and give them plenty of encouragement
- Encourage them to set goals, plan, and manage their time, effort, and emotions. This type of support can help children to regulate their own learning and will often be more valuable than direct help with homework tasks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6 Victorian Times

On Monday afternoon, Year 6 had an immersive session of carpet beating and washing using a wash board and grated soap. This was to learn how different it was to carry out household chores before the invention of electricity.

"It was very interesting and fun to experience what it was like to do the washing in Victorian times" ...Elsie (class 11).



Important Dates

Mon 18th Mar	9.00am NNAM + Reception Reading with Parents
	2.50pm NNPM Reading with Parents
Tues 19th Mar	Year 4 Sea Life Trip
Wed 20th Mar	9.00am LKS2 Reading with Parents
Thurs 21st Mar	9.00am UKS2 Reading with Parents
Wed 20th Mar	Yr 1 Visit from a vet
Fri 22nd Mar	9.00am KS1 Reading with Parents
Mon 25th Mar	3.15pm Mrs Parrish selling school uniform
Tues 26th Mar	9.00am NNAM Worksharing
	2.50pm NNPM + Reception Worksharing
Wed 27th Mar	Yr 1 Visit from Nationwide Bank
Wed 27th Mar	2.50pm Yr 3 Worksharing
Thurs 28th Mar	2.30pm Yr 6 Instrumental Concert
	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	Puppets Galore
Fri 5th Apr	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr	Children Return to School
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	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

On Wednesday morning, we had a visit from the police who were appalled by the inconsiderate parking of a few of our parents outside of school and in the neighbouring roads. This is a serious safety concern for the children. Please be aware they will be making a return visit shortly and including Northgate into their regular patrols.

The school and Governors have made the Council and Police aware of our concerns for children crossing the roads near the school and did question whether a pedestrian crossing could be installed. This suggestion was not considered necessary at the present time.

Please also be aware that Public Health England are working on a project to stop parents leaving their engines running when they are dropping off or picking up their children. For the benefit of your children's health please turn off your engines whilst waiting outside of school. Thank you

Enriching the Curriculum

Netball Match

"On Monday, Northgate girls (Violet, Priya, Rae, Eva, Eryn and Isabella) played against St Michael's at Northgate. We worked very well as a team but sadly we lost 14-1. However, Priya scored an amazing goal. Player of the Match goes to Priya for her goal"...Rae and Priya (class 11).

Football

Our Gold football team played St Michael's after school yesterday. The team were focused, maintained possession of the ball and worked really well as a team. Northgate won 3-1, well done! Parent volunteers as referees were much appreciated; thank you again- Miss Mash

Reminders and Updates

Class 9 Cake Sale

The class 9 children raised an amazing £130.00 from their cake sale in aid of Crisis on Friday.

Book Fair

The Book People took £318.90 of which the school will receive 10% towards new books for the library.

Thank you for your support.

Absence

Please remember children should NOT return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please ensure they have eaten something before they return. We are following Government guidelines to help prevent the spread of illness in school. Please see the NHS sheet attached.

School Dinners

Please ensure that you have paid for your child's school dinners for this half term, as soon as possible, on Schoolgateway. Payment can be made weekly, monthly or per half term but please ensure you are always in credit.

Community

Silver Leys Polo Club are your local polo club based in Bishop's Stortford and Harlow, mhfpolo.com. They are passionate about growing the sport and giving as many young people as possible the opportunity to try polo. Anyone can try it - you need not have ever even seen a horse before. We have heavily discounted our prices for students and are offering the opportunity to try the sport for free on our schools day at Silver Leys Polo Club in Bishop Stortford on Saturday 18th May. Any student can sign up for free at <https://www.mhfpolo.com/events/schools19>

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Agnes	R1: Teddy
PM: Matthew	R2: Cian

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their confident singing, passion, enthusiasm and contribution to music.

Well done to:

Class 1: Jack	Class 7: Imogen W
Class 2: Georgia	Class 8: Isla A
Class 3: Jude	Class 9: Harry N
Class 4: Amelie	Class 10: Annabel
Class 5: Erin	Class 11: Elsie
Class 6: Evie	Class 12: Sam

Please accept our apologies - last week's **Class 10** Learner of the Week was **Dylan**.

SEND

Aspects are running a 'Mental Health and Young People' course, open to all staff and parents. This is for parents and professionals looking at practical strategies and greater understanding of the issues affecting the mental health of young people. There are a limited number of FREE tickets available for professionals to attend the evening event. Please see the attached flyer for further information and booking details. School staff should email Jo to register at admin@aspects.org.uk quoting their school details for free professional registration.

School Association

Association News

THANKS SO MUCH for decluttering and filling up your Happy School Bags. We raised an incredible £429.00 from just one collection which is a fantastic result!

It's just 3 months until our Summer Ball Fundraiser on Saturday 8th June. More exciting details to follow very soon but if anyone is able to donate something to the raffle or a spectacular 'money can't buy' prize for the live auction we would be most grateful. Please email nic.jaggers@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to offer anything or ask the office to put you in touch with a member of the Summer Ball team.

We are also looking for someone to take over the organisation of our fantastic annual fireworks night. Peter Fowke has organised this for a number of years but would like someone to shadow him this year with a view to taking it on from 2020 as he will no longer be on the committee. If this is of interest to you please contact ptanorthgate@gmail.com. It can be a team of people rather than one individual.

Thanks as always for your ongoing support.