

July 5th 2024

Headteacher's News

We were extremely sorry to cancel Sports Day today due to the terrible weather forecast. Hopefully summer will return and we will be able to run the event next **Friday 12th July** at the same times.

Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 for their hugely entertaining performance of 'Mission Implausible' on Monday and Tuesday at the South Mill Arts Centre. It was a brilliant opportunity for so many of our children to shine, with some fantastic acting performances, as well as some wonderful singing and dancing. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work putting the show together and a big thank you to parents for your support.

Yesterday, I hope you received your child's report. If you have any questions regarding it, the teachers will be available next Wednesday after school for a consultation to discuss your queries. Please ring the school office before Tuesday lunchtime and they will arrange a time for you.

Next year, to support school finances and for personal reasons, I will be reducing to four days a week. On Thursdays, Mrs Clynes will be in charge with the support of Mrs Layer.

We look forward to seeing you at the History sessions and work-sharing next week.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Important Dates

Wb 8th July	History week
Mon 8th July	9am approx. 30 minutes Y3/4 History sharing
with Parents/work	
Tues 9th July	9am Y1/2 History with Parents/work sharing
Weds 10th July	9am Reception History with Parents/work sharing
Thurs 11th July	School Transition Day (Nursery closed)
Thurs 11th July	2.30pm Peripatetic Teacher to perform in music assembly for the children.
Friday 12th July	9am Y5/6 History with Parents/work sharing
W/C 15th July	PTA Ice Cream Sales
Thurs 18th July	9.15am Y6 Leavers' assembly
Fri 19th July	PTA Break the Rules Day
Fri 19th July	Northgate's Got Talent
Fri 19th July	2pm Last Day of Term
2nd & 3rd Sept	Inset days
Wed 4th Sept	First day back at school (Reception am only no Nursery)
Thurs 5th Sept	Nursery stay and play

=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Enriching the curriculum

As the weather was not good on Wednesday, Nursery held their sports day in the hall. One half of the class sang for their parents and showcased their recent work, while the other half took part in races in the hall. The groups then swapped over activities. The children really enjoyed participating and were happy to see their families cheering them on. Well done children



Thank you to Stagecoach who came back into school on Thursday to run a workshop with the rest of Reception, Year 1 and 2. The children had a fantastic opportunity to explore their drama skills with a professional drama coach.

To help inspire our key stage two children, on Thursday, a string quartet from Hockerill came into school to perform in our music assembly. These young musicians were simply wonderful and played beautifully.



Meet the Parents dates times

Friday 6th September	Y6	2.50pm
Tues 10th September	Y2	2.50pm
Wed 11th September	Y4	9.00am
	Y1	2.50pm
Thurs 12th September	Y5	9.00am
	Y3	2.50pm
Wed 18th September	Reception	2.50pm



Safeguarding

Please see below a link to the Herts For Learning online safety summer newsletter. This features a range of guidance, news, links and updates about online safety for **all phases**, with particular reference to current situations, recent concerns and developments. The summer edition covers topics such as, a change in minimum age for WhatsApp, information regarding Snapchat and MyAI:

<https://thegrid.org.uk/assets/hfl-online-safety-newsletter-summer-24-parents-or-carers.pdf>

Enriching the Curriculum

Netball

"On Monday 1st July, we played a competitive match with Reedings School, which consisted of a friendly rivalry and great sportsmanship. It was a very exciting, close game. The overall score was a draw of 19 all. As we hoped, both teams were very gracious and we congratulated each other at the end as we all played well." By Eden, Holly and Millie.

Players' Player of the match was Eden.

Coaches Player of the match was Penelope.

Thank you Vanessa Smith and Miss Powala for all your efforts and time spent coaching the team.



Celebration of Achievements



Nursery: Miguel

R1: Sofia **R2:** Emilie

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Sports".

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their efforts and focus during PE lessons, such as 'excellent sportsmanship across the year by supporting peers and being gracious when succeeding.

Well done to:

Class 1: Theo

Class 2: Bella

Class 3: Louie

Class 4: Ava

Class 5: William

Class 6: Izzy

Class 7: Sebastian

Class 8: Dennis

Class 9: Matilda

Class 10: Archie

Class 11: Freddie

Class 12: Niamh



Reminders and Notices

Transition Day

Please remember that move up day (Transition day) is next Thursday the 11th July. Children will be getting to know their new teachers and environment for next year. Only the Nursery children who are moving up to Reception at Northgate are to attend school 9.15am to 10.15am and then Nursery will be closed the rest of the day for our current children.

Library books

All outstanding library books need to be returned to school by Friday 12th July. A charge of £5 will be made for each book not returned.

French Summer Challenge

Many KS2 children have been sharing that they are going on holiday to France during the Summer. For those that wish to, Mrs Edwards has produced a Summer Challenge (please see attached) that they can do over the holidays and share with her on their return in September.

Bishop's Stortford Library Summer Reading Challenge 2024.

You may see Mrs Edwards volunteering at the library during the holidays. This year the theme for the challenge is 'Marvellous Makers'. The challenge is for children to read six library books between July and September. Please click on this link <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Toys

The school would like donations of unwanted wooden toys such as shape sorters and number games for our Nurture group.

Reading books for Upper Key Stage Two

If you have any good quality reading books that you would like to donate to the school for the Year 5/6 age group, we would be very grateful.

Lost Property

Please come and claim any lost property, - such as jumpers, cardigans etc from the reception. Items left over at the end of term will be either sold on the nearly new rail (if in good condition) or recycled.

Northgate School Association

Sports Day After Party

Just a reminder that the Sports Day After Party will now be taking place on Wednesday 17th July from 3.30pm. Apologies this cannot take place after the new Sports Day event on Friday 12th July as it is the Year 6 Leavers Disco that evening. Any tickets purchased already will be transferred to this new date.

However, if you are now unable to attend the event, please contact treasurer@northgatepta.com to request your refund.

If you are still looking to book a ticket, please follow the link below:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/northgate-school-association

Ice Cream Sales

We were due to hold our Ice Cream sales on Wednesday 17th July but as this is now the Sports Day After Party, depending upon the UK weather, we will try to find an alternative day that week. More details to follow.

Break the Rules Day

Don't forget it's Break the Rules day on our last day of term, Friday 19th July. An opportunity to be a little bit naughty by breaking the rules below!

Wear grey socks/tights, Wear your tie (UKS2), No nail varnish, No coloured hair, No hair gel, Only green hair accessories, No jewellery, No trainers/fashion shoes, No squash in your water bottle

And only these rules, please!! Please pay 50p for every rule your child or children will break.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team