

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 13th 2017

Headteacher's News

Harvest brings us many learning opportunities and this year we focused on where food comes from. It was lovely seeing all the classes sharing their learning, particularly seeing the food that was grown in the Foundation garden. The Key Stage One children were delighted to share their assembly with their parents so thank you to those parents who attended. Harvest is also a time to think of people less fortunate than us and we thank everyone for the donations for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank.



Parent Workshops

We are keen as a school to work closely with our parents to support children's learning. You will see in the Important Dates list, we have added some parent information sessions. On Wednesday, 15th November at 7.00pm we will be running a session for Year 5/6 parents on English and Maths in the Upper Juniors. There will be a variety of workshops running, including grammar terms and how we teach some of the mathematical content we cover. On Thursday, 16th November we will run a Year One reading and phonics session at 2.45pm and on Wednesday, 22nd November at 2.45pm we will be running a phonics and spelling session for parents of Year 2. We hope you can attend these sessions to help support your child.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place on Tuesday, 31st October from 4.00pm-7.00pm and Wednesday, 1st November from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Class 5's consultations will take place on Wednesday, 1st November from 3.30pm-6.00pm and Wednesday, 8th November from 3.00pm-6.00pm. Please can **Class 5's** appointments be booked with Mrs Crumpler, to avoid duplication, however Mrs Gavin will also be at all appointments.

The booking system on eSchools will open next week and a message will be sent out when it becomes available.

We apologise that we still have problems with eSchools for Nursery and Reception, therefore please book your appointments at the office from Monday, 16th October.

Miss Harding will be available for SEN appointments from 4.00pm-6.00pm on Tuesday, 31st October and Wednesday, 1st November.

Miss Greaves will be offering appointments for the children she teaches in Year 6.

Important Dates

19th Oct	Black History Day
19th Oct	R-Year 4 Flu Vaccinations
19th Oct	School Disco: 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
Fri 20th Oct	INSET DAY
23rd-27th Oct	HALF TERM
W/C 30th Oct	Parent reading sessions
30th Oct	Individual School Photos
31st Oct	Year 5/6 reading with parents
31st Oct	Parent Consultations
1st Nov	Year 3/4 reading with parents
1st Nov	Parent Consultations
2nd Nov	EYFs reading with parents
3rd Nov	Year 1/2 reading with parents
3rd Nov	Fireworks
15th Nov	Year 5/6 Parent Workshop (7pm)
16th Nov	Year 1 Parent Workshop (2.45)
22nd Nov	Year 2 Parent Workshop (2.45)
27th Nov	eSafety week
29th Nov-1st Dec	KS2 cyber bus
7th Dec	EYFS Christmas performance
9th Dec	Christmas Fayre
11th Dec	KS2 panto at Rhodes
11th Dec	KS1 panto in school
11th Dec	Choir Carol service at St Michael's (evening)
13th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
14th Dec	KS2 Carol service at St Michael's
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas holiday
3rd Jan	Children return to school
12th-16th Feb	Half term
19th Feb	Inset Day
29th Mar	Break up for Easter
28th May-1st Jun	Half Term
4th June	Inset Day
20th Jul 2018	Break up for Summer 2018

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

Please remind your children, including pre-schoolers, that they are not permitted to scoot or cycle on school premises. The entrance area is extremely busy in the morning and we do not wish to have any accidents. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Foundation News

We have been busy learning all about Harvest. We have done some exciting activities and learnt some harvest songs which we showed off in our foundation assembly. Thank you to all the parents for bringing in a fruit and/or vegetable for our Harvest display. The children enjoyed doing observational drawings and discussing where the different foods come from.

Sporting Opportunities

Football- Northgate V Manor Fields

Yesterday, Northgate took two teams to Manor Fields to compete in the Bishop's Stortford Gold and Silver Football League. The Gold competed magnificently but unfortunately slipped to a 2-0 defeat while the Silver team lost 7-1. Both teams showed excellent teamwork and determination throughout, not giving up until the final whistle, whilst continually encouraging each other.

Mr Glozier

Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club Finals – 8&Under Red Ball

In addition to the 9&Under and 10&Under Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club Tournaments (reported in last week's newsletter), Jamie (Class 5) also reached the finals of the 8& Under Tournament of the same event. Semi-final matches and the final match were held on the same day and were enjoyed by everyone involved. All matches were very close and well played, with Jamie winning the final 10-8. The club plans to hold this type of event each term for this age group in the future. They are a fun introduction to competitive tennis for those attending the club - it would be great to see more Northgate students joining in.

Tri Golf

On Thursday, some Year 3 and 4 children went to Birchwood for a tri golf competition. They all played really well as a team to come 5th out of 13 and their behaviour was a credit to the school.

Discovery Education Espresso

Children can access espresso and espresso coding online at home as an excellent resource for all subjects.

The website is <https://online.espresso.co.uk>

The children's log in is:

username: student15775

password: northgate

The Northgate Knitters—KS2

Mrs Wilson will be starting a knitting club for KS2 at lunchtimes, from 1.00pm-1.30pm. Please could we ask for donations of any wool, knitting needles, row counters, etc. We hope to knit a blanket to be donated to a vulnerable elderly person within the community. If your child is interested in joining the club, please let the office know.

Help with Readers

Can you spare any time in an afternoon to listen to individual readers in KS1? Some children would benefit from individual reading and if you could spare any time before pick up please let your class teacher know.

Thank you

Thank you very much to Mr Foster for donating 6 new tabards for the children who are dining hall monitors. They are very much appreciated.

Year 6 staff wish to thank parents for their gifts for taking the children on school journey last week.

SENCO

As you are aware, Miss Harding is pregnant and will be going on maternity leave towards the end of term. Mrs Clynes, our Assistant Head, will be covering the position and a transition programme is already in place. More information will be sent out at a later date. Mrs Clynes will continue her part time teaching timetable, supporting Year 4.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (am) - Joshua
(pm) - James

Reception: (R1) - Olivia
(R2) - Daisy

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on computer whizzes.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for developing and using their computer skills.

Well done to:

Class 1: Jude	Class 7: Henry
Class 2: Ivan	Class 8: George
Class 3: Jack	Class 9: Toby
Class 4: Grace	Class 10: Sam
Class 5: Charles	Class 11: Gemma & Harry
Class 6: Eric	Class 12: Joshua & Molly-Sue

Reminders

Please can the vehicles who park in the gateway for the tennis club opposite the school, refrain from doing so. This gateway is in constant use and needs to be kept clear at all times. Also, due to continuous inconsiderate parking, the tennis club has asked that parents do not park in their car park. Please park at the Rugby Club and walk down to school. Thank you
INSET DAY

Please remember that next Friday, 20th October, is an inset day so there will be NO school.

Coffee Pods

Please note we are no longer a collection point for TerraCycle coffee pods.

School Association

School Disco - Thursday 19th October

We urgently need volunteers to help sell tickets next week. Please email jo@thepinch.es if you can give 15 minutes before or after school or sign up here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9LBNRV>

Our next school disco is on **Thursday 19th October**. The Foundation and KS1 disco is from 6-7pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The KS2 disco is from 7.15-8.30pm. NO COATS, MOBILE PHONES OR CAMERAS are allowed at the KS2 disco. Tickets will be available in the playground from Monday afternoon to Wednesday, or you can pay on the door (£1 extra). Playground prices are £2.50 for Foundation and KS1, and £3 for KS2. Younger siblings are welcome (free) at the KS1 disco.