

February 3rd 2017

### Headteacher's News

Once again it has been wonderful to have the opportunity to meet so many of you this week. It has been interesting collecting your views of the school. We have one more coffee session in the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> February, plus we have our Interact email address that you can also use to share your ideas: [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk)

My highlight this week was listening to the music concerts with Years 3 and 4. We have so many talented pupils at Northgate and it was lovely to see all the pupils rising to the occasion. Well done Year 3 and 4! I wish to thank the staff, particularly Mrs Welch who managed to put together such a wonderful performance, in what was only her 4<sup>th</sup> week at Northgate! I look forward to Year 5 (Thursday at 2.15pm) and Year 6 (Friday at 2.30pm), next week.

### Class News

#### Foundation News

##### Reception

Reception are making fruit smoothies on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb (pm) and need two helpers per class. Please let the class teacher know if you can help.

##### Nursery

Nursery are making fruit kebabs on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb throughout the day. Please let the class teacher know if you can help.  
Please return your pupil premium applications by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Key Stage 1

##### Year 1 – Learning News

The children have loved finding out about the Great Fire of London. They thought of lots of reasons why the fire spread and sorted events into a time line.

##### Year 2 – Learning News

Year 2 have been working very hard and have written some detailed and interesting stories about an animal who is afraid of the dark. They have also been enjoying constructing their vehicles in DT this week as part of their Street Detective topic.

##### Can you help?

Year 1 and 2 are particularly keen to have parents who are happy to support in a computing session in the ICT suite. If you are interested please let Mrs Pratt, our Key Stage 1 leader, know, or leave a message at the school office. Sessions are:

**Class 1** - Mon 11.35-12.10pm    **Class 2** – Mon 11.00-11.35pm

**Class 3** – Weds 1.30-2.30pm    **Class 4** – Mon 1.30-2.30pm

##### Duplo/Lego

If anyone has any more Duplo/Lego they could donate we would appreciate this to support children's playtimes. Thank you

### Important Dates

4 <sup>th</sup> February	Association Comedy Night
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.40 Maths Parent Workshop Y1
9 <sup>th</sup> February	2.15pm Year 5 instrumentals
10 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm Year 6 instrumentals
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb    Half Term</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Schools' Week
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Consultations
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Association School Disco
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.40 Spelling Parent Workshop Yr 1
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	2.40 Spelling Parent Workshop Yr 2
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.40 Phonics Parent Workshop Yr 1

#### Work Sharing

##### Reception:

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March    2.45-3.15pm – coffee at 2.15pm

##### Nursery:

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March    9.15-9.45am followed by coffee

Thurs 23 March    2.30-3.00pm followed by coffee

23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 1 work sharing

27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 2 Work sharing

27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 6 Work Sharing

28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Year 4 Work Sharing

29<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.00pm Year 3 Work Sharing

29<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.00pm Year 5 Work Sharing

**31<sup>st</sup> March    End of Term 2pm**

*\*Red = New Items*

### SEND

#### Parent Consultations

Miss Harding will be offering parent consultation slots on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb/Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb (on the same evenings as teacher consultations) for parents of children with a Learning Passport. There are 30 slots available on a first come, first served basis. Parents will be able to sign up for a slot on eSchools.

Please note, as the demand exceeds the number of slots available, please only sign up for a consultation if you have not recently had a meeting with Miss Harding. The slots will be to discuss any current concerns you have or to discuss provision that your child is receiving. If you are unable to book a slot and still need to speak with the SENDco, please contact in the normal way – [senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk)

## School Updates

### Year 5/6 Athletics at Birchwood

"On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January we went to Birchwood High School for an athletics competition. The activities were relay, hurdles, obstacle and field events such as javelin, long jump, chest pushes and speed bounce. We did really well and were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 schools. We thank Mrs Godfrey and Mr MacDonald for arranging this competition for us. We thoroughly loved the experience." *Hannah, Jessica and Tom – Class 11*

### KS2 Cookery

We would be grateful if anyone could spare an afternoon (1.20-3.15pm) each week after half term to help with cooking in KS2. If so, would you please leave your details at the Office for Mr Cavendish. Thank you.

### Safer Internet Day

This year, Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February and we are having a whole school assembly on this next Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. If you are interested in finding out more, the official website is:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internetday/2017>

We have had reports of children using inappropriate language in their messages and having open locations so others in their groups can see where they are. Please check your child is safe and they understand the consequences of their actions.

### World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the children will be dressing up as their favourite book character. More details to follow.

### Key Stage 2 Spelling Evening – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.45pm

We will be having a short presentation on our new spelling programme in KS2 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. It will explain the programme and give you some ideas how to help at home.

School Dinner Payments until the Easter holiday will be:

Per Day	Every Day	Wed or Fri	Wed + Fri
£2.35	£70.50	£14.10	£25.85

### Guitar/Ukulele

Spaces have become available for the above, please contact the office.

Lost Property will be disposed of at end of school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**February** so please check in the box in the entrance area. Many thanks

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week in Foundation Stage were:

Nursery: Freya  
Reception: Claudia (R1)  
Isabella (R2)

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

Our star learners were praised by their class teachers for many aspects, including their perseverance, technical ability and ability to be a strong team player.

Well done to:

Class 1: Alfie	Class 7: Finlay
Class 2: Isla	Class 8: Elexcia
Class 3: Jamie	Class 9: Annie
Class 4: Zoe	Class 10: Pearl
Class 5: Sophie	Class 11: William
Class 6: Luca	Class 12: Lucy

## Health School's Week

We are delighted that, in the week after half term, the children will be participating in a Healthy School's Week.

As part of this, we will be hosting the Life Bus again. Each year group will be looking at a different aspect of physical and emotional well-being. You will have the opportunity to come and learn about what it does – please see the attached letter.

It will hopefully be an exciting week, including our 'Freewheeling Friday' when children will have an opportunity to bring in their scooters or bikes.

More details about the full event will follow in next week's newsletter.

Can you support the event with some of your time?

We are looking for some parent helpers for classes to help with some simple cooking:

Class 1: 9.30-23 Feb	Class 7: 10.45-22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Class 2: 11.00-23 Feb	Class 8: 1.30-22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Class 3: 1.30-20 Feb	
11.00-21 Feb	Class 9: 1.30-23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb
Class 4: 1.30-20 Feb	
9.30-21 Feb	Class 10: 1.30-23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb
Class 5: 11.00-20 Feb	Class 11: 1.30-20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Class 6: 1.30-20 Feb	
9.00-22 Feb	Class 12: 1.30-20 <sup>th</sup> Feb

If you have a blender, less than a year old, Year 6 would be grateful if they could borrow it.

If you are available at these times or could help on the activity afternoons, on Tuesday or Thursday, please let the office or class teachers know. Many thanks

## Safeguarding

### Photos

Northgate are happy for parents and carers to take photos and videos of a school production for person use, but request that these images are not distributed or put online. This is to protect all members of the school community.

The reason we have taken this view is because of the following:

- not only does an image or a video stay on line forever, but content can also be copied and shared to a wider audience
- there could be some children who are at risk and must not have their image put online. Please bear in mind that not all members of the school community will know who the children at risk are
- there may be some people who do not want their images online for personal or religious reasons
- in some cases, children and staff may have a complex family background, which means that image sharing online can result in unforeseen consequences

We appreciate your support with this or we may have to review our policy.

### Parking

P.C.S.O. S Siggers has spoken to parents outside school about double parking. He will be returning in the near future and parking tickets will be issued where necessary. See attached letter.

For the safety of all children, please park responsibly.