

November 9th 2018

## Headteacher's News

I hope you had an enjoyable half term. It was great to see so many of you at parents' evening. I hope you found it useful and that it gave you a good sense of how your child is progressing.

At Northgate we want to ensure that our pupils have an understanding of themselves as global citizens and gain an awareness of children's lives in other countries. Therefore, today in assembly we launched a link with **Namutumba Primary School in Uganda**. Mrs Ashwood, a former TA at Northgate came into our assembly to tell us about the school as she visited them last month. She shared how the school had large classrooms with about 50 pupils in each class, and how the classrooms have limited facilities. Our classes will be thinking about how they would like to develop the link over the next few weeks and will be putting their ideas to our School Council who will develop our initial plan.

On Monday we will launch our **Respect and Friendship Week** with **Odd Sock Day**. It is designed to be fun way for children to express themselves and to celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique! Children can wear coloured socks or tights.

Friday is **Children in Need** and for a small donation children may wear **one** spotty or 'Children in Need' accessory or one spotty piece of clothing. Children must still wear school uniform apart from their one spotty item.

Just to remind you that we have changed to **Schoolcomms** and we want to ensure that all parents are receiving communication via Schoolcomms before we disconnect you from eSchools. Please let us know if you have not received communication through the new system. Please download the Schoolcomms app (which will take you to School Gateway) onto your mobile devices which you can get through the app store on your device. We hope this system is better for communication and easier for payments.

## Year 2 Pirate Day

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed Pirate Day on Tuesday. They came dressed in some fantastic pirate outfits. All of the children made a pirate passport, an old treasure map and took part in some pirate PE, singing and dancing. Thank you for providing such wonderful costumes.



## Important Dates

12-16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Mon 12th Nov</b>	<b>Odd Sock Day</b>
Wed 14th Nov	2.45pm Yr 2 Spelling & Phonics
Thurs 15th Nov	2.45pm Yr 1 Spelling & Phonics
<b>Friday 16th Nov</b>	<b>Children in Need</b>
Mon 19th Nov	<b>9.00am</b> UKS2 Reading with Parents
Tues 20th Nov	<b>9.00am</b> LKS2 Reading with Parents
Tues 20th Nov	10.45am Potential Parent Tour
Wed 21st Nov	<b>9.00am</b> EYFS Reading with Parents
Thurs 22nd Nov	<b>9.00am</b> KS1 Reading with Parents
Mon 26th Nov	Book Fair
Wed 28th Nov	KS2 Bcyberwise Bus
Wed 28th Nov	UKS2 Parent eSafety Workshop
	UKS2 Work Sharing
Thurs 29th Nov	2.45pm Yr 4 Work Sharing
3rd-7th Dec	Writing Week
Tues 4th Dec	10am and 2pm Nursery/Little Ladybirds Xmas Concert
	2pm Reception Xmas Concert
Thurs 6th Dec	Non-uniform Day (Bottle)
Fri 7th Dec	Christmas Market
Sat 8th Dec	KS2 Panto at Rhodes
Mon 10th Dec	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
Tues 11th Dec	2.45pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
	2pm KS1 Xmas Production
Wed 12th Dec	6pm KS1 Xmas Production
	2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
Thurs 13th Dec	Yr 3 Work Sharing
Fri 14th Dec	Yr 2 Work Sharing
Mon 17th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
Tues 18th Dec	KS2 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
Tues 19th Dec	2.45pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Wed 19th Dec	2pm St Michael's Church Service
Thurs 20th Dec	<b>Term Ends at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 21st Dec</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>Mon 7th Jan</b>	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Half Term	INSET DAY
Mon 25th Feb	Children Return to School
Tues 26th Feb	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Fri 5th Apr	Children Return to School
Tues 23rd Apr	27th - 31st May 2019
Half term	INSET DAY
Mon 3rd Jun	

## Safeguarding

Please make sure we have up-to-date contact details in case there is an emergency and we need to contact you. Please make sure that there are several people named, in case the first ones are not able to be contacted. Thank you

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Basketball

Yesterday, Georgia, Evan, Elsie, Lea, Reuben, Archie, Lachlan and Eva went to a basketball competition. It was a series of knockout games against other schools in the area. "We started well with Archie scoring an amazing basket, however the final score was 2-1 to Summercroft. Our next match was against Manor Fields.

Unfortunately, we lost the match and the final score was 1-2. Our final game started extremely well with both Elsie and Evan scoring a basket, however, we lost 3-2. In the second half we drew and in the final game we won. We would like to give 'human being' of the match to Georgia who, after her injury, got up and continued to play" ...Eva and Lea (class 12).

## Reminders and Updates

### Change of person collecting children

#### Change to regular pick up

If the regular person collecting your children is changing then please write a note to inform the class teacher of who will be collecting on what days. This needs to be brought in **by the child to give to their class teacher** on, or before, the day that the change is on.

#### One off arrangements made in advance

If you have made plans **in advance** for someone, other than the regular person, to collect your children please write a note to each of your children's teachers letting them know the full name of the person collecting and the date they are picking up. This needs to be brought in **by the child to give to their class teacher** on, or before, the day that the change is on.

#### On the day

If there is a problem and the regular person who collects your child cannot make pick up **on the day**, then please call the office and we will let the teacher know of the change.

### Herts Hogline

We are pleased to let you know that Northgate have adopted a hedgehog named Big Ben. He lives with the other hedgehogs at Herts Hogline. Thank you for your kind donations.

### Foodbank

We are pleased to say we donated an incredible 418.75kg of food from your Harvest donations. Thank you all for your support.

### Pebbles

Please remember to get your children to paint a pebble for our new garden project and return them to the school foyer.

### Odd Sock Day - Monday, 12th November

To start our Respect and Friendship Week, Monday will be Odd Sock Day. Children can come to school wearing coloured socks or tights.

### Children in Need - Friday, 16th November

Next Friday is Children in Need and for a small donation children may wear **one** spotty or 'Children in Need' accessory or one spotty piece of clothing. Children must still wear school uniform apart from their one spotty item. Can children please take their donations to their classroom please.

### Reading with Parents

EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	9.00am Wednesday, 21st November
KS1	9.00am Thursday, 22nd November
LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)	9.00am Tuesday, 20th November
UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)	9.00am Monday, 19th November

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Rafferty	R1: Jack
PM: Muhammad	R2: Harry

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their mapping and investigational skills.

Well done to:

Class 1: Mekhi	Class 7: Finlay
Class 2: Alexandra	Class 8: Charlie
Class 3: George T	Class 9: George
Class 4: Eva	Class 10: Aidan
Class 5: Luke	Class 11: Joshua L
Class 6: Morgan	Class 12: Eva

## SEND

### Aspects Workshops

Aspects are running the workshops below. Please see the attached flyers for further information and booking details:

- Managing Anger and Conflict in the Family - 9.30-11.30am on Thursday, 15th November at Northgate School.
- Positive Behaviour Strategies to Use at Home - 9.30-11.30am on Friday, 25th January 2019 at Northgate School.
- Mighty Monsters - Taming Those Monster Feelings - Saturday, 2nd February 2019 at The Emmaus Centre.

## School Association

Thank you to all who came along to the fireworks night and especially to all the volunteers who helped run it. We hope you enjoyed yet another fantastic display. Hopefully the new online ticket system worked well for you - it certainly did for us, making sales a lot easier. We are very sorry that some of you missed out as the event was once again a sell out! We hope you understand that it really is important that we adhere to the capacity imposed on us by our licence. If we could sell more tickets we really would!

The PTA are moving on to Christmas now and the organisation of our Winter Wonderland event on **Saturday 8th December** is in full swing. The Grotto is already sold out but ice skating tickets are still available through Ticketsource, so get your slots booked!

As usual we will be sending out a request for help on the day in due course. If anyone with some creative flair would like to help set up the grotto on the Friday we would be really keen to hear from you. Any raffle prize donations would also be very welcome too. Please email [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com).

The next PTA committee meeting is on Monday 12th November in school at 7:30pm. Any parent/carer is welcome to attend and contribute to the discussions.

Many thanks - Northgate Association

## Community

### Remembrance Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup> November

A service will be held at the War Memorial in Castle Gardens, Bishop's Stortford followed by refreshments. Everybody welcome. Please see attached flyer for further information.