

# Northgate Primary School

## Newsletter

November 23rd 2018

### Headteacher's News

It was lovely once again to see so many parents at the **Reading Sessions** this week. Working together to support your child's learning is vital. We talked about the importance of discussing new vocabulary when your child is reading. If your child is in KS2, please encourage them to write any words that you have discussed at the bottom of the page in their reading record. Even if your child is a fluent reader, please still discuss the vocabulary and the story with them to support their reading skills. If you would like ideas for recommended books please look on the website under Our learning / English / Reading. Audio books are also a great way to be exposed to a wide vocabulary if your child is a reluctant reader.

Next week is **eSafety Week** at school when the focus of assemblies and Computing lessons will be looking at keeping our children safe on the internet. The PTA are kindly supporting this event by funding Coram Education to come and lead sessions for the KS2 children. Please note there is a session for parents of Upper Key Stage 2 next Wednesday, 28th November at 2.20pm before the work sharing. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Webb, who will be our new SENDCo after Christmas, came into school this week to meet Miss Harding and the rest of the staff. She is an experienced teacher who has worked in a number of schools and I am sure she will have a lot to offer our pupils. Mrs Webb will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as Miss Harding. I am delighted that Mrs Molyneux will be extending her days here to work alongside Mrs Boom in R2 next term. She is currently teaching in reception in another school and is very excited that she will be working in our Foundation stage.

### Year 2 Lighthouses

In DT, as part of their 'Land Ahoy' topic, Year 2 have designed and made their own lighthouses out of recycled materials. The children found out why lighthouses were so important in the past and also today.

### Reading Buddies

On Monday, Class 2 and Class 9 enjoyed meeting their new reading buddies and sharing some stories together. It was fantastic to see so many Year 5 children modelling excellent behaviour and reading skills. We hope to continue reading buddies throughout the year.



### Important Dates

Mon 26th Nov	<b>eSafety Week</b>
	Book Fair
Tues 27th Nov	11.00am Prospective Parent Tour
Wed 28th Nov	KS2 Bcyberwise Bus
Wed 28th Nov	Yr3 Paradise Park in School
	2.20pm UKS2 Parent eSafety Workshop
	2.50pm UKS2 Work Sharing
Thurs 29th Nov	2.45pm Yr 4 Work Sharing
3rd-7th Dec	<b>Writing Week</b>
Tues 4th Dec	10am and 2pm Nursery/Little Ladybirds Xmas Concert
Wed 5th Dec	11.00am Prospective Parent Tour
Thurs 6th Dec	2pm Reception Xmas Concert
Fri 7th Dec	Non-uniform Day (Bottle)
Sat 8th Dec	Christmas Market
Mon 10th Dec	KS2 Panto at Rhodes
	EYFS/KS1 Panto in School
	7.00pm Yr 5/6 <b>CHOIR</b> Carol Service
Tues 11th Dec	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
	2.45pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
Wed 12th Dec	2pm KS1 Xmas Production
	6pm KS1 Xmas Production
Thurs 13th Dec	11.00am Prospective Parent Tour
	2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
Fri 14th Dec	2.45pm Yr 3 Work Sharing
Mon 17th Dec	2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Tues 18th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
Wed 19th Dec	KS2 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
	2.45pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 20th Dec	2pm St Michael's Church Service
<b>Fri 21st Dec</b>	<b>Term Ends at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 7th Jan</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb	Children Return to School
Fri 5th Apr	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr	Children Return to School
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun	Children Return to School
Sat 9th Jun	Association Summer Ball
Tues 23rd July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day

### Safeguarding

We have received a complaint from a neighbour regarding dangerous parking. Please do not park on the corner of Grailands and Carter Leys. Thank you

## Reminders and Updates

### Pebbles

Thank you to those who have returned their painted pebbles. Please, if you have any at home, can you return them to the box in the school foyer by Friday 31st November. It would be lovely to see them in place at the school entrance for our Christmas Fayre. If you cannot find a suitable pebble to paint, we still have some available. Thank you

### Children in Need

We are pleased to let you know we raised £406.97 for Children in Need. Thank you for your kind donations.

### Coats

Now the weather is considerably colder, it is very important for children to have a warm coat in school to wear out in the playground.

### Guided Reading

There will be **NO** Guided Reading on **Tuesday, 11th December** due to the KS1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal. The last guided reading session this term will be **Thursday, 13th December**. Thank you for all your help this term.

### Reporting an Absence

If your child is unwell and will not be coming into school, please can you contact us **before 9am**.

You can call the school, select option 1 and leave a message with your child's name, class number and the reason they are ill.

Alternatively, you can e-mail [absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk) with the information.

If you have not told us by 9am, we have a duty of care to find out why your child is missing.

### Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment please let us know, either by letter or email to [absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk), with your child's name, class and the dates and times of the appointment. We also need to take a copy of the appointment letter if you have one. This can be e-mailed or brought to the school office.

If your child is going to an appointment and will be in school for lunch, but will miss morning registration, please advise us in advance of your child's meal choice for the day, as the dinner numbers go to the kitchen straight after registration.

### Schoolcomms

Please note that when you receive an email from school through Schoolcomms, the email address you will see is [SC9192009a@schoolcomms.com](mailto:SC9192009a@schoolcomms.com). Please check that your messages go into your Inbox rather than your Junk Mail folder.

### School Shop

Please remember some Year 6 children run a school shop selling stationery on Thursdays and Fridays at break times. Items are sold at £1 and under. The children are allowed to bring a small amount of money on those days.

## School Association

Only 2 weeks to go until our Winter Wonderland Christmas Market! Please remember to bring back your raffle ticket stubs and money to the office. Also please return any unsold tickets. The top prize is £500 of Center Parcs vouchers so it's well worth a punt!

Please also sign up to help out in any way you can. We really need your help to make events run smoothly and successfully. Here's the link - you know what to do!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AA4AF28A7FD0-Christmas>

We also have the opportunity for businesses to advertise around our ice rink. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this please email [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com) for details.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: R1: Isla W  
PM: R2: Ria

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their knowledge, enthusiasm, positivity, perseverance and mouse control.

Well done to:

Class 1: James	Class 7: Ruby
Class 2: Albie	Class 8: Henry
Class 3: George A	Class 9: Henry
Class 4: Phoebe	Class 10: Charles
Class 5: Alfie	Class 11: Toby
Class 6: Harry	Class 12: Grace

Our Self-Managing Monkeys were Finn and Harry (Class 9) and Annie (Class 5) for using their initiative.

## Reception and Nursery Application Dates

**Reception** applications are now open. Please make an application online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). Applications close on **Tuesday, 15th January, 2019**.

**Nursery** applications will open on **Monday, 4th February**. More information will follow.

### Parent Tour

Our next available Parent Tour is at **11.00am** on **Thursday, 13th December**.

## Community

**Grove Cottage** will be holding a 90s and Noughties disco at Home & Eat on Saturday, 1st December. Please see attached flyer for further information.

### Families TV Show

The TV production company Label1, producers of BAFTA nominated 'Hospital' (BBC2), 'School' (BBC2) and 'Monkman & Seagull genius guide to Britain' (BBC2) are making a new factual, family entertainment show for BBC2. This new format will follow families from all over Britain as they go head-to-head in a battle to find the brainiest!

It's a warm-hearted show, which celebrates incredible families and explores their dynamic as they work together to take on a series of highly compelling challenges, puzzles and gameplay. Showcasing the many skills and talents that define modern day intelligence, the programme will promote logic, reasoning, strategy and creativity whilst engaging families in healthy competition. Filming takes place in the February half term. Nykki Parker - Label1 Casting Team

[families@label1.tv](mailto:families@label1.tv)

### Fosters Schoolwear

We would like to advise you that our regular Click & Collect deliveries to school, for collection by parents, is changing to once every two weeks. We will be delivering tomorrow 23/11/18 and then again 07/12/18, these being the last dates for this year. We will resume the fortnightly deliveries again on 11/01/19.