

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

September 14th 2018

Headteacher's News

We are delighted to announce that the school has been awarded this week the **Primary Science Quality Mark Award**, thanks to the hard work of the staff and in particular Mrs Gitto (nee Jones) who lead the project. It recognised the school's work around developing more exciting hands on science, increased teacher knowledge and other improved aspects of science teaching. Mrs Gitto will be leading a short session (20 minutes) for parents on Friday 28th September at 9am explaining how Science has developed within the school to achieve the award. All parents are welcome. Come and share our school's success.

We have a fantastic **PTA** that raise a tremendous amount of money to support the pupils' opportunities and resources at Northgate. They would like to invite you for coffee on **Friday, 21st September** in the dining room, at 9am. Please come along to find out more about what they do. Everyone welcome!

Our half term Learning Power is '**Teamwork Tiger**' and already we have seen some excellent examples around the school. If your child comes home with a sticker, see if they can explain what skills they used to be a Teamwork Tiger.

Have a lovely weekend!

Work Sharing

Parents/carers or grandparents are invited each term to come and share their children's learning in their classrooms.

Nursery AM	11.15am Tuesday, 11th December
Nursery PM	2.45pm Tuesday, 11th December
Reception	To be confirmed
Year 1	2.45pm Wednesday, 19th December
Year 2	2.45pm Monday, 17th December
Year 3	2.45pm Friday, 14th December
Year 4	2.45pm Thursday, 29th November
Year 5	2.45pm Wednesday, 28th November
Year 6	2.45pm— Wednesday, 28th November

Important Dates

Mon 17th Sep	2.45pm Rec Mt the Teacher
Wed 19th Sep	11.15am Nursery Mt the Teacher
	2.45pm Nursery Mt the Teacher
(All Nursery parents can attend either session)	
Fri 21st Sep	9am PTA Coffee Morning
24th Sep	Inspirational Maths Week
Tues 25th Sep	9am Reception maths games with parents
Wed 26th Sep	9am LKS2 maths games with parents
Thurs 27th	9am UKS2 maths games with parents
Fri 28th Sep	9am KS1 maths games with parents
Fri 28th Sep	Science Meeting with parents
Mon 1st Oct	3.30-4.00pm Yr 4 Maths workshop for parents
Wed 10th Oct	2.50pm EYFS Harvest Assembly
Thurs 11th Oct	9.00am KS1 Harvest Assembly
Thurs 11th Oct	6.45-8.00pm Supporting Children in Upper KS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Fri 19th Oct	School Disco (times tbc)
Half term	29th Oct - 2nd Nov 2019
Fri 2nd Nov	Association Fireworks Night
Mon 5th Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 6th Nov	Children Return to School
Wed 14th Nov	2.45pm Yr 2 Spelling & Phonics
Thurs 15th Nov	2.45pm Yr 1 Spelling & Phonics
Tues 4th Dec	10am and 2pm Nursery/Little Ladybirds Xmas Concert
Thurs 6th Dec	2pm Reception Xmas Concert
Sat 8th Dec	Christmas Market
Fri 21st Dec	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Mon 7th Jan 19	Children Return to School
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb 19	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb 19	Children Return to School
Fri 5th Apr 19	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr 19	Children Return to School
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun 19	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun 19	Children Return to School
Sat 9th Jun 19	Association Summer Ball
Tues 23rd July 19	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July 19	Occasional Day

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

There will be a short safeguarding session at 9.00am next Tuesday, 18th September before guided reading for those who were unable to attend on Wednesday this week.

Absence

If your child has an appointment and needs to be taken out of school please make sure you inform the school by letter, email or an appointment letter. If your child is off sick please call the school office by 9.00am if possible. Thank you

Football Report

Yesterday, Thursday 13th September after school, selected children in years 5 and 6 visited the Bishop's Stortford College to participate in a football tournament. Although Northgate did not win the matches, they all had a great time and were pleased with the progress they made. They played very well in their teams and cheered each other on. Thank you to all the children who participated and their families for supporting them - Miss Mash

Hockey (Quicksticks)

Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in Quicksticks in their PE lessons. Please make sure all children bring in their shin pads and gum shields.

Year 5/6 Football Teams (Boys & Girls)

The boys club will take place on Friday after school and the girls on Wednesday lunchtimes. This will be taken by Kitteridge All Sports and letters will be sent out inviting your child to these clubs. More information will follow.

Extra Curriculum Clubs

Sewing Club

Mrs Wilson will be running a sewing club (further details to follow). If you have any materials or equipment she could use, please bring it to the school office. Thank you

Year 4 to 6 Netball Club

Thank you to Mrs Smith for volunteering to run the weekly school netball club. Netball Club will take place outside every Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday, 25th September, after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Further information will follow.

Basketball Club

Mrs Molyneux will be running a weekly basketball club outside every Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday, 25th September, after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Further information will follow.

Magical Maths came and talked to the children in assembly regarding the fun maths club that they are running after school on Tuesdays. If you did not receive the leaflet regarding this, please find one attached.

School Association

On behalf of the Northgate Association, I would like to warmly welcome all new children and their families to the school community. The Association, your PTA, works hard every year to put on fun events and activities to raise funds for the school. We are able to buy new equipment and resources and provide exciting experiences for the children that school funds can't stretch to. I'd like to invite parents and carers, new and old, to an informal coffee and cake morning to find out about the PTA, who we are and what we do and how you can get involved too.

Join us from 9am on Friday 21st September in the dining hall.

If you can't make it but would like to find out more please feel free to email me at ptanorthgate@gmail.com. Keep an eye on our noticeboards (by the wooden gate and in the school reception) for current news and information and look out for our emails and letters.

Our AGM is scheduled for the evening of Monday 22nd October at 7:30pm which is another opportunity to come and hear what we've achieved over the last year and our plans for 2018/19 so do pop along if you can.

We look forward to welcoming some new members and volunteers.
Louisa Piercy - Northgate Association Chair

Celebration of Achievements

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for skimming and scanning, retelling stories and trying hard to understand why authors use certain words.

Well done to:

Class 1: Cadence	Class 7: Beck
Class 2: Sarah	Class 8: Erin
Class 3: Thea	Class 9: Lucy
Class 4: Ava	Class 10: Sophie Belle
Class 5: Lewis	Class 11: Joshua G
Class 6: Imogen	Class 12: Archie

Our new learning power this half term is **Teamwork Tigers**. The children are praised for being fair and sharing, showing empathy and compromising.. This week in assembly, some of our tigers were Finley C (C10), Jack T (C5) and Freya B (C1).

Reminders

Maths Week

Please remember the week commencing 24th September is Inspirational Maths Week, to help children to become confident mathematicians. Come in to play maths games with your children. Please see the dates for your children's classes on the Important Dates List above.

Lost property

We have several watches and pairs of glasses in lost property. If you have lost any please come to the school office.

Lost property is disposed of on the last Friday of the month so please check the boxes in the entrance hall if you have lost any items. Please remember to name all items of clothing.

Secondary Transfer 2019

Please be aware that applications can be made online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and applications **MUST** be made by 31st October 2018.

Community

Grove Cottage Wag 'n' Walk

Grove Cottage are holding a sponsored dog walk (free to enter) and a fun dog show on **Sunday, 7th October**. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Hertfordshire Cheetahs are running an American Football taster day for children aged 8-17. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Bishop's Stortford Fire Station Open Day

Please remember to go along to their open day tomorrow, Saturday, 15th September.