

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 4th 2019

## Headteacher's News

Well done to the Reception and Key Stage 1 children for their wonderful Harvest assemblies. Thanks to all the parents for their donations for the Food Bank and the hedgehog sanctuary Herts Hogline. At the Key Stage 2 Harvest assembly, Mrs Towns from the Food Bank joined us and told the children about what will happen with their donated items. If you would like to have more information about

Bishop's Stortford Food Bank please look at their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bsfoodbank](https://www.facebook.com/bsfoodbank).



Thanks also to Mairead Wright for introducing the new PTA 250 club to the parents at the Harvest assemblies this week. Please see the PTA section for more information on this exciting initiative which gives parents the opportunity to win £1000 each month.

We have several parent workshops over the coming weeks to give parents a better understanding of how to support at home. Our first one on Thursday 17th October from 6.45pm-8.00pm, will be a Y5/6 Parent Curriculum Information Evening. During this session we will be running a series of 15 minute workshops on supporting with English and Maths. There will also be an opportunity to get a better understanding of the Year 6 SATs.

On Monday 21st October from 2.45pm, there will be a Year 4 Times Table Meeting for parents to gain an understanding of the new national assessment and on Wednesday 23rd October at 9am there will be a Year 1 Phonics Workshop.

Have a great weekend.

## Birchwood Games Year 4

Today we sent all of our Year 4 learners off to Birchwood to participate in the Birchwood Games. This involved the children participating in a variety of different sports from tri-golf and handball to cheerleading and dodgeball. All learners represented the school extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed showing off their new skills. Some of the highlights reported by the sports captains were:

- Getting to perform hip hop and cheerleading routines
- Scoring goals in basketball
- Climbing the ropes in gymnastics
- Working as a team
- Learning so many new sports, especially handball

## Important Dates

Mon 7th Oct	Individual Photos
Tues 15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Wed 16th Oct	Rec -Yr 6 Flu Immunisation Day
Thurs 17th Oct	6.45pm-8.00pm Y5/6 Parent Info Eve
Mon 21st Oct	2.45pm Yr 4 Times Table Meeting
Tues 22nd Oct	2.45pm Yr 5 Work Sharing
Weds 23rd Oct	9am Yr 1 Phonics Workshop
Fri 25th Oct	Yr 5 Duxford Trip
28th Oct-1st Nov	Half Term
Mon 4th Nov	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tues 5th Nov	Yr2 Pirate Day
5th-8th Nov	Well-being Week
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks
Tues 12th Nov	Parent Consultations
Wed 13th Nov	Parent Consultations
Weds 20th Nov	2.45pm Yr 2 Phonics/Spelling Workshop
Weds 27th Nov	2.45pm Yr 6 Work Sharing
Fri 29th Nov	<b>Occasional Day</b>
Tues 3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection
Mon 9th Dec	2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing
Weds 11th Dec	2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thurs 12th Dec	2.45pm REC Work Sharing
Mon 16th Dec	2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Weds 18th Dec	2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Weds 18th Dec	KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip
Thurs 19th Dec	KS2 St Michael's Church carol service (pick up from church)
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 6th Jan</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
17th-21st Feb	Half Term
<b>Mon 24th Feb</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 25th Feb</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 20th April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>May 2020</b>	<b>Yr 2 SATs</b>
<b>Fri 8th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)</b>
<b>11th-15th May</b>	<b>Yr 6 SAT's week</b>
<b>25th-29th May</b>	Half Term
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 2nd June</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
8th-12th June	Year 6 School Journey
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Week
8th-26th June	Yr 4 Times Tables Tests
Tues 21st July	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Enriching the Curriculum

### Sports Fixtures

#### Football - Northgate vs St Josephs

Our gold and silver football teams played their first match of the season last Friday in the KAS league. Both teams made a great start, but a freak rain storm put a stop to it and it will be replayed in November. Although they were soaking the boys still walked off the pitch with huge smiles on their faces.

#### Football - Northgate vs High Wych (BSP)

The Birchwood Sports Partnership (BSP) football league also kicked off this week, although the team was defeated this time, the boys played amazingly well and showed high spirits, great team work and perseverance.

#### Yr 5 and Yr 6 Tag Rugby Reports

##### Team 1 - Match Report from Gracie S:

Our team played 7 matches and in all of the matches we won! All of my team played really well but I would like to give my players of the festival to Evangelene D and Finley C for scoring excellent tries and tagging the opposition.

##### Team 2 - Match Report from Amber P

We played 5 games and successfully won all our matches apart from one where we drew. We all played really well together with people we don't normally work with. My players of the festival are Annabel and Tristan.

##### Team 3—Match Report from Sam F:

We played very well, not giving up and tagging the other teams, winning one game 7-0. In four more games we won 3 and drew 1.

We all scored many tries and all of my team gave it their all. My players of the festival are Harry W and Isabella D.



## School Association

### 250 Club

Those of you who attended harvest assemblies this week will have been introduced to our NEW fundraising initiative, the **250 Club**. Thank you to those that have already signed up! For just £10 a month you will be allocated a number between 1 and 250 and entered into a monthly draw for a chance to **win £1000!!!** With this initiative we hope to be able to raise £18k a year while giving back £12k to our parents in prizes. We will be sending out full details separately but we really hope you will feel able to join in with this great fundraiser.

### Fireworks

In other news, tickets are NOW ON SALE online for our Fireworks night on Friday 8th November. Visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-oprmyp> for full details and to buy yours. Follow our event on Facebook too and see what amazing suppliers we have this year!

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Molly	R1: Eliza
	PM: Alice	R2: Dennis

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

**Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for good vocabulary and figurative language.**

Well done to:

Class 1: Matilda	Class 7: Luke
Class 2: Rose	Class 8: Harry
Class 3: Oliver	Class 9: Nora
Class 4: John	Class 10: Georgina
Class 5: George	Class 11: Tristan
Year 6: Phoebe, Feroz and Henry	

## Reminders and Updates

### School Photographs

Just a reminder that the photographer will be with us on Monday 7th October to take individual school photos.

### Happy Bags

Happy School Bags have been distributed to the children today and will be collected on Tuesday 15th October. The Happy School Bag scheme allows the PTA to raise funds through collecting unwanted clothing and helps the environment by diverting textile waste from landfill sites for reuse or recycling. Full bags can be left in the bike shelter the day before collection or before 9am on the day of collection.

### Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation

Flu immunisation will take place on 16th October. If you have not already done so, please return your consent forms confirming if your child can have the immunisation or not and return to the office on Monday morning.

## Safeguarding

Hertfordshire Grid have published their Autumn Term newsletter which you can view [here](#). This issue covers setting parental controls, keeping children in care safe online, a guide to be being 'net aware' and a new resource 'Step Up, Speak Up'.

## Community News

Do you shop in Waitrose? Aspects are part of the green token fundraising scheme. Please drop in a token during October at the Bishop's Stortford branch. The more tokens they receive, the bigger the donation. Please find a poster attached to this email.

Cantate are recruiting new members at their Fun Sing event this Sunday. Further details are attached to the email.