

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

September 21st 2018

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see so many parents at the PTA coffee morning. At Northgate we like to work closely in partnership with our parents, and next week is an opportunity to share maths learning with your child by playing maths games as part of our "Inspirational Maths Week". Please see the date for your child's key stage on our dates list. Grandparents or other relatives are welcome if you are unable to attend.

As parents, you have have incredible opportunities to shape your children's mathematical futures. Listed below are suggestions on how to help your child with their maths.

1. Never share stories of maths failure or even dislike. Research has shown that as soon as mothers say to their daughters: "I wasn't good at maths at school," their daughter's achievement went down. Even if you have to put on your best acting skills, always seem happy when you see their maths.

2. Always praise mistakes and say that you are really pleased that your child is making them. Recent research has shown that our brains grow the most when we make mistakes.

3. Encourage your child to play puzzles and games – anything with a dice really – will help them enjoy maths, and develop number sense, which is critically important. Some suggestions can be found at <https://www.youcubed.org/resource/apps-games>

Please remember that we have information about how we teach maths on our website under 'Our Learning'. We are also running some Maths workshops for parents - on 1st October for Years 3 & 4 from 3.30pm - 4pm and for Years 5 & 6 on 11th October at 6.45pm—8pm. More details to follow.

If at any point you have any concerns regarding school, please speak to the teacher or a member of SLT.

Have a lovely weekend!

House Captains

All children in KS1 and KS2 are in one of our four houses. Throughout the year children can earn house points for their work or behaviour, plus we run a series of house events. This term we are introducing a new reward for the house that scores the most house points - the children in that house will have a day when they are allowed to come in non-uniform.

Well done to the following children who were voted in for the roles of House Captain and Vice House Captain:

Captains

<u>Romans</u>	<u>Saxons</u>	<u>Vikings</u>	<u>Normans</u>
Eryn	Reuben	Evan	Max Q
Harry R	Lea	Eva P	Koko

Vice-captains

<u>Romans</u>	<u>Saxons</u>	<u>Vikings</u>	<u>Normans</u>
Lily S	Elliot	Lachlan	Huey
Max B	Grace	Abby`	Evie

Important Dates

Inspirational Maths Week

24th Sep	9am EYFS maths games with parents
Tues 25th Sep	1.45pm Potential Parent Tour
Wed 26th Sep	9am LKS2 maths games with parents
Thurs 27th Sep	9am UKS2 maths games with parents
Thurs 27th Sep	Yr 1 Teddy Bears' Picnic
Fri 28th Sep	9am KS1 maths games with parents
Fri 28th Sep	9am Science Meeting with parents
Mon 1st Oct	3.30-4pm Yrs 3 & 4 Timetables with Parents
Tues 9th Oct	Nursery Harvest Songs with parents
Wed 10th Oct	9.30am Potential Parent Tour
Wed 10th Oct	2.50pm EYFS Harvest Assembly
Thurs 11th Oct	9.00am KS1 Harvest Assembly
Thurs 11th Oct	6.45-8pm Yrs 5 & 6 Maths & English with parents
Fri 19th Oct	School Disco (times tbc)
Wed 24th Oct	Nursery phonics with parents
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Thurs 25th Oct	9.30am Potential Parent Tour
25th/26th Oct	Black History Day
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
Wed 28th Nov	2.45pm Year 5 work sharing
Wed 28th Nov	2.45pm Year 6 work sharing
Thurs 29th Nov	2.45pm Year 4 work sharing
Tues 4th Dec	10am and 2pm Nursery/Little Ladybirds Xmas Concert
Thurs 6th Dec	2pm Reception Xmas Concert
Sat 8th Dec	Christmas Market
Tues 11th Dec	11.15am Nursery AM work sharing
Tues 11th Dec	2.45pm Nursery PM work sharing
Thurs 13th Dec	2.45pm Reception work sharing
Fri 14th Dec	2.45pm Year 3 work sharing
Mon 17th Dec	2.45pm Year 2 work sharing
Wed 19th Dec	2.45pm Year 1 work sharing
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

Year 2 Castle Mound Trip

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the Castle Mound on Monday as part of their 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' topic. They learnt that the mound was the site of Waytemore Castle and found out that this castle was built nearly 1000 years ago. The children sketched the mound and the war memorial in Castle Gardens. Thank you to the parents who



helped with this visit.

Year 4 Trip to Eat 17

Year 4 went to Eat 17 on Monday and Tuesday this week to see how the professional make healthy smoothies. The children saw how the smoothies were made and the ingredients that were used. They enjoyed the visit immensely and we thank Louise from Eat 17 for making us feel so welcome.

Many of the children surprised themselves by enjoying smoothies such as the Ginger Zinger and the Very Berry smoothie.



Nursery and Reception Workshop

Aspects are offering a workshop for parents whose children have recently started Foundation Stage. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Year 1 (Classes 1 & 2) Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Thursday, 27th September Year 1 will be having a teddy bears picnic in school. Please can children bring in a teddy from home.

Absence

If your child has an appointment and needs to be taken out of school please make sure you inform the school beforehand by letter, email or an appointment letter. Please bring your child's appointment letter to the school office so a copy can be taken for their file. Please try if possible to make appointments out of school hours.

School Council Shop

The Executive Council will be running the school shop on Thursdays and Fridays starting next week. They sell all sorts of stationery products. Prices range from 50p to £1.50. The shop is open at playtimes in the KS2 playground.

School Association

Thank you to everyone that came along to our coffee and cake morning today. It was lovely to meet some new parents and we hope you not only enjoyed the cake but also feel enthusiastic about getting involved with the PTA. If you didn't manage to make it but would still like to find out about what we do and how you can get involved, please feel free to come along to our AGM on Monday 22nd October from 7:30pm at the school.

Look out for a separate email with exciting news about our Christmas Market on Saturday, 8th December.

Many thanks

Louisa Piercy - PTA Chair

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: (AM) Isabella
(PM) Hugo
Reception: (R1) Isla Macfie
(R2) Ruby D

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for using ambitious vocabulary and using creative ideas in their writing.

Well done to:

Class 1: Noemie Class 7: Lars
Class 2: Millie S Class 8: Sophie
Class 3: Ruby Class 9: Nancy
Class 4: Jeevan Class 10: Honor
Class 5: Diogo Class 11: Finn
Class 6: Alfie Class 12: Lea

Our Teamwork Tigers this week were:

Hannah and Filip (CL3), Sophie Fell and Dylan (CL10)

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HAND News is a free online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25 years) with additional needs and disabilities.

It has information about workshops for parents, community services for children and young people, support groups and much more.

Read all about it in the September edition of HAND News at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews

Safeguarding

Children are not allowed on the playground apparatus before and after school. Even if you are supervising your child, this encourages other children to go on and we have, in the past, had a serious accident occur.

Community

Bishop's Stortford Educational Trust

The Bishop's Stortford Educational Trust SCITT will be hosting two information events for graduates who wish to train to teach in local Primary and Secondary schools. These events will take place at Leventhorpe on:

Tuesday 16th October 2018, 7.00pm to 8.30pm,
Saturday 10th November 2018, 10:00am – 11:30am
They are open to anyone who is curious about teaching as a career. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

Breast Cancer Clinical Trials

Katie Rawsthorne, mother of Rourke Purvis in year 5 class 10, is trekking Peru for breast cancer clinical trials and any donations would be gratefully received. Please check out her JustGiving Page on the link below to help her raise even more.

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