

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

November 16th 2018

Headteacher's News

As a school this week, our Friendship Week focused on the theme - 'Choose Respect'. We started with our 'Odd Sock Day' where children were encouraged to celebrate diversity and recognise the different qualities in themselves and others. Assemblies focused on what it means to us to show respect and how we show that we are a good friend. A key message given was that we can respectfully disagree with each other, i.e. we do not have to be best friends or always agree with each other, but we do have to respect each other. Children were given strategies to enable them to cope if other children are not being kind. Childline is a website we shared offering support to your child if they are struggling with bullying.

It was great to see everyone in a range of spotty items supporting Children in Need.

We look forward to seeing parents and carers at the reading sessions next week.

Self-Managing Monkeys

This half term our learning power is Self-Managing Monkeys. This encourages the children to be their own boss and follow the mantra of "being in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment and the right attitude".

Have a restful weekend

Respect and Friendship Week

The children have had a wonderful week learning all about friendship and respect and what it means. They have enjoyed taking part in many activities and discussing the meaning of respect, making the right choices and being a good friend.

The week was sparked off with odd socks day where the children talked about what makes them "unique" and the importance of understanding that we all have similarities and differences. Other activities included:

- Writing friendship acronyms and recipes
- Making collages of themselves and their friends
- Writing about what makes their friends special
- Learning songs about respect and friendship

The week ended with a wonderful whole school assembly where each year group got to share their learning. KS1 have been learning "Stand by Me" as part of their music time and they sang this to the school.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 6 visited the Bishop's Stortford memorial as part of their WW1 topic. They found out about Remembrance Day services and how we conducted our 100th Anniversary Service in Bishop's Stortford this year. Thank you to all the parent helpers. Last Friday, to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1, Year 6 had a morning of DT creating felt poppy Christmas decorations.

Thank you for your poppy donations. We are pleased to let you know that we raised £103.33.

Important Dates

Mon 19th Nov	9.00am UKS2 Reading with Parents
Tues 20th Nov	9.00am LKS2 Reading with Parents
Tues 20th Nov	10.45am Prospective Parent Tour
Wed 21st Nov	9.00am Reception Reading with Parents
Thurs 22nd Nov	9.00am KS1 Reading with Parents
Mon 26th Nov	Book Fair
Tues 27th Nov	11.00am Prospective Parent Tour
Wed 28th Nov	KS2 Bcyberwise Bus
Wed 28th Nov	UKS2 Parent eSafety Workshop
Thurs 29th Nov	UKS2 Work Sharing
3rd-7th Dec	2.45pm Yr 4 Work Sharing
Tues 4th Dec	Writing Week
	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
Mon 10th Dec	Yr 5/6 Choir 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	2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
Fri 14th Dec	Yr 3 Work Sharing
Mon 17th Dec	Yr 2 Work Sharing
Tues 18th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
Tues 19th Dec	KS2 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
Wed 19th Dec	2.45pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 20th Dec	2pm St Michael's Church Service
Fri 21st Dec	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Mon 7th Jan	Children Return to School
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

Safeguarding

Please do not park in or walk through the staff car park. The entrance area is extremely busy, especially in the mornings, and we do not wish to have any accidents. Thank you.

Enriching the Curriculum

Football

On Wednesday, Northgate played Thorley Hill and both teams played exceptionally well.

Gold team won 1-0 and **Fraser** was Man of the Match. Silver Team won 8-0 and **William** was Man of the Match.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Fowke for organising the new football kit. The boys all looked very smart.



Reminders and Updates

Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair during the week commencing 26th November. The books will be sold in the library at lunchtimes and outside the library after school. The prices range from £3.00 to £20.00. The book fair will be provided by the Book People who offer very good value for money. If you would like your child to purchase a book at lunchtime, please send them into school with some money.

School Uniform

It is after half term and children should now be wearing long trousers. Also, it is very important to remember that earrings must not be worn in school. Thank you

Cake Sale

Some of the children in class 8 held a cake sale last Friday. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed and bought cakes. The sale raised a fantastic £320 for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Colchester Zoo Colouring Competition

Enable Independent have been receiving some lovely entries already for the Colchester Zoo colouring competition.

Please remember that all entries need to be returned by **Thursday, 22nd November to Enable Independent, 25c North Street** (in between Pizza Express and Lathams Homeware).

School Association

WINTER WONDERLAND AT NORTHGATE!

With the Association's Winter Wonderland Christmas event only 3 weeks away we are pleased to see that ticket sales for ice skating are going really well!

We have sent home 2 books of raffle tickets in the children's book bags today. Once again, our top prize is £500 of Center Parcs vouchers, kindly donated by our sponsors Ascott Blake and Mackay Property, and with many other great prizes already lined up we hope you will buy all your tickets and/or sell to family and friends. You can get extra books of tickets from the school office should you wish to buy more! Please return ticket stubs and correct money to the office. We'd really appreciate it if you could also return any unsold tickets as we are sure there will be a demand for them.

A volunteer sign-up link will be sent out very soon for this event so please spare some time if you can to help on the day.

Get ready for some serious shopping, fun, games and skating!!

Festive wishes - Northgate Association

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Zakariya	R1: George
PM: Muhammad	R2: Bohuslava

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their positive attitude, wonderful singing and enthusiasm.

Well done to:

Class 1: Freddie	Class 7: Will
Class 2: Freddie	Class 8: Megan
Class 3: Annie	Class 9: Esme
Class 4: Izzy	Class 10: Luca
Class 5: Annie	Class 11: Jack
Class 6: Deanna	Class 12: Elizabeth C

Christmas

KS2 Panto at the Rhodes Centre

KS2 will be going to the Panto at the Rhodes Centre in the morning of Monday, 10th December.

Yr 5/6 CHOIR Carol Service

This will take place on Monday, 10th December.

Children will be walking to the church for a rehearsal from the Rhodes Centre (after the panto) and will need collecting from St Michael's church at 3.00pm and returned to the church in smart school uniform for the evening performance.

KS2 Carol Concert—Thursday, 20th December 2pm

All KS2 children will be walking down to St Michael's church for the Christmas carol concert which will start at 2.00pm. They will need to be collected at 3.00pm from the church please.

Further information regarding all of the above will follow shortly.

Community

Footsteps Coaching

There is a new Coached running session starting up in Bishop's Stortford on Monday, 19th November. Your first session is a FREE taster, but places are limited to 10 at each session. If you are interested, please see attached flyer and BOOK your slot. Thanks - Laurence Foote

Fosters Schoolwear

Fosters are having a Black Friday sale of up to 50% off schoolwear. This will end on 23rd November and applies to in store purchases only.

Grove Cottage Santa Dash and Reindeer Run – Saturday 1st December

Join us for our annual fun Santa Dash and Reindeer Run at Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre in aid of Grove Cottage. There will be a 1K Reindeer route and a 5K Santa route. 10.45am warm up and 11am start for both routes

Santa Entry (13 years and over) - £12 including Santa Suit

Reindeer Entry (12 years and under) - £6 including Reindeer antlers and medal

To register please go to: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/GroveCottage/SantaDash2018.html>