

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

December 2nd 2022

Headteacher's News

We have a very busy next two and a half weeks with all our Christmas activities, and are delighted to be back to normal this year. The children have been working hard to share some wonderful performances with you. Next week we are delighted to share our Reception nativity. Please check dates, times and pick up details on the next page as there are times the KS2 children need to be picked up from different venues.

The PTA had their AGM this week and I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the last year to raise a significant amount of money for the school and organise events for our school community. Tonight they are organising the film night, which the children love attending. Their fundraising is paying for many of our Christmas events, including the KS1 panto that comes to school and for the KS2 children to attend the panto at South Mills. The PTA are keen to organise lots more events in the new year for the children but are looking for more parents who can give a little time to help at these. Please look out for their messages where support is needed. Without helpers they will not be able to run as many events for the children. Have a great weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 5 walk to Stortford Fields.

On Monday Year 5 went on a geography field trip to Stortford Fields. We all had tasks to complete on our clipboards, such as naming roads, streets and closes on a map. We had to finish these tasks by the end of the trip. We also interviewed people in the groups about the local area. Next we had to sketch Avanti Brooks Primary School which is still under construction, showing cranes and the builders in there working. Finally we measured the new schools width which was 76 metres! We took pictures of the types of houses in the area, such as detached, semi detached, flats and more. We all walked back to school knowing a lot more about this topic! By Brandon Class 9

Class 9 and 10 went to Stortford Fields. Both classes took turns with photography, measuring, sketching and interviewing. Our group went first to interview others about Avanti Primary School and we finished this really quickly! Measuring was the most fun. We took photographs of the cranes and buildings and finally we tried sketching, this was hard! This is a school trip I will never forget! By Noemie Class 9



Book-Vent

All children in KS1 will be involved in the run up to Christmas. Nursery and Reception celebrated advent with special Gruffalo advent calendars. Inside every envelope is a Julia Donaldson themed activity book for the children to explore. Other classes will open a book parcel every day which will then be read to the class. Also Mrs Smith has created a beautiful Christmas display for the children. They really love this!



Rapid Fire Cricket Competition.

On Thursday eight Year 4 children took part in a competition against other schools in the area. They all played well and progressed throughout the competition. Well done all!

Girls Football match against Reedings school

Before we started the match we practised our passing skills. We played a very good match between us. The start for Northgate was not good, but eventually we caught them up! I think Matilda was a great striker, Noemie was good at tackling and Millie and Dilys were both great in goal. The other school played really. We lost 5-3. By Alexandra Class 9

Important Dates

Fri 2nd Dec	3.15pm Christmas Film Night
Mon 5th Dec	7.00pm Year 6 Choir performance at St. Michael's
Wed 7th Dec	9.15am & 2.30pm Reception Christmas production
Mon 12th Dec	1.00pm—2.00pm Nursery and Reception Entertainer.
Tue 13th Dec	2.30pm & 5.30pm KS1 Christmas production
Tues 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	R & KS1 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	11.00am & 2.30pm Nursey sing song
Wed 14th Dec	1.30pm Hurricane production "Dick Wittington"
Wed 14th Dec	KS1 Siblings of KS2 children at the South Mills Pantomime can finish school from 3.00pm.
Wed 14th Dec	KS2 Pantomime South Mills "Jack and the Bean Stalk" (pick up from South Mills. You may pick KS1 children slightly earlier, more details to follow)
	Year 3—3.30pm
	Year 4—3.35pm
	Year 5—3.40pm
	Year 6—3.45pm
Fri 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper day.
Fri 16th Dec	Last day of Nursery before Christmas
Tues 20th Dec	9.00am Volunteer coffee morning
Tues 20th Dec	Northgate's Got Talent
Wed 21st Dec	Break the Rules Day
Wed 21st Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Thurs 5th Jan	INSET DAY
Fri 6th Jan	R—Y6 return to school after Christmas break
Mon 9th Jan	Nursery return after Christmas break
13th-17th Feb	Half term
Wed 3rd March	Happy Bag collection
Fri 31st March	End of term at 2.00pm
Mon 17th April	Children return to school
May 2023	Y2 SATs Week
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Mon 8th May	The Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
9th-12th May	Y6 SATs Week
29th-2nd June	Half term
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY
Tues 13th June	Happy Bag collection
12th -16th June	Y1 Phonics Week - (plus Y2 phonic catch ups)
12th -23th June	Y4 Times Tables Tests
Thurs 20th July	End of Term at 2.00pm

Safeguarding

In the run up to Christmas, it's especially important to be aware of toys and devices that use button batteries (the flat disc-like silver batteries) and to make sure we keep children safe by using, storing and disposing of them properly.

It's extremely dangerous to swallow button batteries or to insert them into noses or ears where they can still create a circuit and cause harm.

Button batteries are in far more products that you might initially think, including car key fobs, musical cards and books as well as toys that are powered and household electrical items, such as a thermometer.

Always make sure that button batteries are securely stored out of sight and reach of children. When they are no longer powering items, dispose of them safely and do not leave them laying around – they can still harm children if swallowed, even if the product they power needs new ones.

Reminders and Updates



Reception Christmas nativity

Wednesday 7th December at 9.15am and 2.30pm.

Please remember to bring your tickets with you!

KS1 Christmas production

Tuesday 13th December 2.30pm and 5.30pm

Tickets will come home with the children on Friday next week.

KS2 Christmas lunch - Important Information

Tuesday 13th December: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having their Christmas lunch. Meals must be booked advance on School Grid.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need a packed lunch from home on this day as there will be no school lunch option available.

Reception and KS1 Christmas lunch - Important Information

Wednesday 14th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas lunch. Meals must be booked in advance on School Grid. **Years 3-6 will need a packed lunch sent from home on this day as there will be no school lunch option available.**

Wednesday 14th December: Hurricane productions are coming in to school to perform "Dick Wittington" to KS1.

Key Stage 2 - Panto

Wednesday 14th December: Our KS2 children will be walking to the South Mills Theatre on Wednesday afternoon to watch 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'. The children will be having a home made packed lunch in their classroom before they go as KS1 have their Christmas lunch in the dining hall. Pick up from outside the theatre for year groups is as follows:

Year 3—3.30pm

Year 4—3.35pm

Year 5— 3.40pm

Year 6—3.45pm

Please note siblings in KS1 can be picked up from school from 3.00pm to help with collecting KS2 children from South Mills.

Fundraising Christmas jumper day

Friday 16th December: Northgate Christmas Jumper Day this year we will be supporting the Isabel Hospice. Pupils and staff can choose to wear a Christmas jumper in stead of a school jumper and a tie. The rest of the school uniform must still be worn as usual.

We will be suggesting a donation of £1 which will be collected in class on the day and we look forward to seeing both staff and children in their festive wear!

End of term for Nursery 3.15pm

Break the rules day.

Wednesday 21st December: This is a fund raising event for the school where the children can break given schools rules for 50p each. More details to follow shortly.

School will close at 2pm on Friday. Night owls will run from 2pm and close at 6.30pm as usual.

Request for storage Boxes

Miss Kavanagh would like donations of plastic storage boxes with lids. She would like to organise the lunchtime sports equipment.

Uniform

We want all our children looking smart. Just to remind you that;

- Hair accessories must be in school colours
- Children are not allowed to wear ear-rings
- Children are not allowed to wear hair gel
- Hair below shoulder length must be tied up.
- Children must always have a coat with them everyday as they will be going outside even when it is damp.
- Trainers must only be worn for PE.

Many thanks.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Michaela and Jamie

R1: Jolam R2 George B

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on Writing. Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: trying so hard in English, working independently, writing amazing descriptions about houses and why we need to build them, brilliant ideas when writing their blue umbrella diary, writing a balanced argument to produce a paragraph including complex sentences and convincing evidence, for improving handwriting and key sentences by using great adjectives in their expanded noun phrases, for extending their writing and developing ideas, for using speech in their writing and writing a WOW sentence about the ginger bread man.

Class 1: Flynn Class 7: Lauren

Class 2: Florence T Class 8: Marco

Class 3: Lottie Class 9: Olivia M

Class 4: Hazel Class 10: Scarlett

Class 5: Jacob Class 11: Pixibelle

Class 6: Alexis Class 12: Hawaa

Northgate School Association

PTA Christmas Film Night

A huge thank you to our PTA members Sarah Colby, Nicola Cousins and Nicole Quail for leading our Christmas Film Night. We hope your children have an enjoyable time watching the film and you enjoy having a festive drink with the team!

Russell Property Christmas Card Competition

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and runners up. The PTA and the team at Russell Property were overwhelmed by the amount of budding artists within our school.

Winner- Bea Class 3

Runner Up- Henry Class 4

Runner Up- Otis Class 6

Winner- Thea Class 12

Runner Up- Albie Class 9

Runner Up- Emily W Class 11

Special Award for artistic talent : Poppy W – Class 12.

Book tokens for the children above, will be available to collect from the school office soon plus Christmas Card packs for Bea and Thea!

A selection of entries will be available in Russell Properties window on North Street and on their Instagram page https://www.instagram.com/russell_property?r=nametag

Pre-loved Christmas Clothes

We will be holding a further pre loved Christmas Clothes sales on Friday 9th December. If you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, dresses, hair accessories, hats, ties, glasses and stockings, please do take them into the School Office. Thank you!

Break the Rules Day

Just a reminder that we have our Break the Rules day on the last day of term. More details to follow next week.

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs: Geri Wren and Jo Parrott