

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 8th 2019

## Headteacher's News

I hope you had an enjoyable half term.

We look forward to seeing parents at the consultations on the 12th and 13th of November. To see how your child is progressing, you are welcome to go and look at books in your child's classroom 10 minutes before your appointment. Families are only allowed 1 slot per child. If you are yet to make an appointment, please contact the office directly to arrange.

Congratulations to Mrs Claxton on the birth of her daughter Hazel. Something is definitely in the water as our congratulations also go to Mrs Gitto and Mrs Abblitt who are both pregnant and will be leaving us at the end of the Spring term. Welcome back to Miss Greaves who is working with Year 6 once again.

At Christmas we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Gavin and Mr Doolan. Mrs Gavin has been with us for many years. Although we are very sorry to see her go, we appreciate her decision to broaden her experiences at another school. Mr Doolan is leaving us for family reasons. We are delighted to announce that Class 7 will be taught by Miss Stott who is currently teaching Year 4 in a local school. She is returning to teach at Northgate and will take on the position of Acting Assistant Head during Mrs Clynes' maternity leave. Have a lovely weekend.

## Wellbeing Week

We hope your child has enjoyed Wellbeing Week this week.

Highlights of some of the events have included:

Reception making rice cracker faces.

Year 1 creating a rainbow of things that make them special and practising calming down breathing exercises and mindfulness.

Year 2 making calendars for the local community and fruit kebabs and salads.

Year 3 turned their negative thoughts into positive ones and concentrated on being in the moment.

Year 4 created a rainbow of things they are good at and made fruit smoothies.

Year 5 thought about what makes them happy, what they are good at and what makes a good friend.

Year 6 made healthy snacks and calendars for the local community and affirmation messages for the children.

All of the classes have thoroughly enjoyed their Yoga sessions in the hall. Thank you to the PTA for paying for these sessions and to the team who have organised this week for us.

Mrs Wallace will be running a session on support your child's wellbeing in the Spring term at 2.15pm on Wednesday 15th January.



## Important Dates

|                       |                                                             |
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| Tues 12th Nov         | Parent Consultations                                        |
| Wed 13th Nov          | Parent Consultations                                        |
| <b>Thurs 14th Nov</b> | <b>Children in Need - Pyjama Day</b>                        |
| 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                                 |
| Fri 6th Dec           | 3.30-6.30pm Christmas Film Night                            |
| 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                                    |
| Mon 16th Dec          | Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch                           |
| Tues 17th Dec         | KS2 Christmas Lunch                                         |
| Weds 18th Dec         | 2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing                                    |
| Weds 18th Dec         | KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip                                       |
| Weds 18th Dec         | KS1 Panto - in school                                       |
| 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>                            |
| <b>Weds 15th Jan</b>  | <b>2.15pm SENCO Parent Workshop</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>                                      |
| 25th-29th May         | 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

## Safeguarding

Following on from the County Safeguarding training held at school earlier this week, you may find the Hertfordshire Families First website useful to find parenting courses such as managing challenging behaviours, as well as finding SEN information and support groups. You can also find further information on other agencies such as Citizens Advice, Herts Help and Family Lives. [Families First](https://www.familiesfirst.org.uk/).



## Pirate Day

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed Pirate Day on Tuesday. The children enjoyed writing their own pirate passports, making treasure maps and finding out about the Golden Age of Piracy. Thank you to all the parents for the wonderful costumes.



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Oliver R1: Rosie  
PM: Florence D R2: Alexis

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their positive attitude and excellent participation in sport. Well done to:

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| Class 1: Sebastian S | Class 7: Ruby K-R |
| Class 2: Sebastian T | Class 8: Edie     |
| Class 3: Lottie      | Class 9: Sam      |
| Class 4: Theo B      | Class 10: Ena     |
| Class 5: Zach        | Class 11: Gracie  |
| Class 6: Mac         | Class 12: Finley  |

## School Council - Children in Need

The School Council have been busy planning for this year's Children in Need Appeal. The children have agreed on a whole school Pyjama Day which will be held in school on **Thursday 14th November** for a donation of £1. Please send the children in their pyjamas or onesies and support our fundraising this for this fantastic cause. Please ensure that the children have warm layers on now the cold weather has arrived. They will need outdoor footwear but do not need to be in school shoes.

One of our Year 4 children will be selling pom-poms on Thursday during break time for up to £1.

## Enriching the Curriculum

### KAS Football - Gold and Silver

Well done to all of the KAS football players who played against Thorley Hill on the Friday before half term and both teams won comfortably, 5-1 for the Gold Team and 8-3 for the Silver team. The teams are playing again this evening at Manor Fields. Good luck everyone!

### BSP Football vs Windhill 21

On Tuesday we played a home match against Windhill. Jack C stepped up as goalkeeper at short notice and played an outstanding game! Harry W was captain scored a hat trick along with Sam B and Tom M. Lots more goals were scored by the team who were absolutely amazing! Sam B and Sam A were both given man of the match for their brilliant attitude, firm defending and keeping everyone going. The team won 12-3 which is fantastic. Well done!

### Basketball Competition

Well done to our basketball team!

Seven Year 6 pupils took part in a basketball tournament this week. The team played in 5 games and won every game by a least 2 points. The whole team scored some great baskets and worked really well together. They will now go forwards to represent East Herts at County level. An amazing effort from all involved!



## School Association

We are looking forward to our fireworks night this evening, which once again has sold out! Please note that no tickets will be available on the gate as we are at capacity.

Today was the last day to sign up for our 250 Club. If anyone still wishes to who hasn't signed up please email [Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk) ASAP to sign up.

Thank you for your continued support of our events and fundraisers.

## Reminders and Updates

### Sickness Bug

Please remember that NHS guidelines are for children to be kept away from school for 48 hours following a bout of sickness or diarrhoea. We appreciate your co-operation with this rule to help us to stop the spread of sickness bugs in school. Thank you.

### School Grid/School Gateway/ESchools

We use several online systems in school. The School Grid system is used for ordering school lunches, the School Gateway system is used for paying for lunches, trips etc. and for giving consent and ESchools is for booking appointments such as Parent Consultation evenings and for homework. Please contact the office if you have any queries.



### Stationery Shop

Just a reminder that stationery is on sale during break time on a Thursday and Friday. Please don't forget to send your child in with change if they would like to purchase anything.

## Pupil Voice

The Executive School Council attended the 3rd Bishop's Stortford Pupil Voice at Bishop's Stortford College. They took part in activities revolving around parliament week and discussed all the different School Council Events over the past year. There was also a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all.