

September 27th 2019

Headteacher's News

It was lovely to see so many parents at the reading sessions this week. We will put the slides that were shown to parents on the website in the next week.

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school. If not addressed early the educational gap widens. A child who reads 20 minutes a day will read 1,800,000

words per school year compared to a child who reads 1 minute per day who will read 8,000 words per school year so please encourage your child to read at home.

If you or a family member are interested in coming in to hear individuals read for 30 minutes once a week, please let your class teacher or the office know. Thanks for your continued support. Apologies last week a sentence was cut short. Congratulations to Miss Ward who is expecting her second child at the end of February. Have a lovely weekend.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Harvest Festival

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest and, as part of that celebration, we will be collecting donations for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank throughout the week.

Please see the list below for urgently required items:

Juice (long life)
Tinned Vegetables
Tins Solid Meat (ham, spam)
Tinned Fruit
Coffee/Tea (Max 240 bags)
Biscuits



If you would like to donate, please send your child in with their item to their classroom. We will be displaying all the donations in the hall during the harvest assemblies. Reception Year would prefer a piece of fruit or a vegetable to support their learning.

In addition to the Harvest collection next week, we will also be collecting sachets of cat food (non-fishy) for a local hedgehog charity (Herts Hogline). If you would like to support this cause, please drop a sachet of cat food into the school office.

Our Harvest Assemblies

Key Stage 1 (classes 1-4):

9.05am on Thursday 3rd October 2019 (With Parents)

Reception Year:

9.05am on Friday 4th October 2019 (With Parents)

Key Stage 2 (classes 5-12)

2.45pm on Wednesday 2nd October (No Parents)

Important Dates

Thurs 3rd Oct	9.05am KSI Harvest Assembly
Friday 4th Oct	9.05am Reception Harvest Assembly
Mon 7th Oct	Individual Photos
Tues 15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Wedss 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	INSET DAY
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	Occasional Day
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 2.00pm
Mon 6th Jan	Children Return to School
17th-21st Feb	Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 25th Feb	Children Return to School
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 20th April	Children Return to School
May 2020	Yr 2 SATs
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)
11th-15th May	Yr 6 SAT's week
25th-29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Tues 2nd June	Children Return to School
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 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Enriching the Curriculum

Reception - Outdoor Learning

Our Reception year are going to be taking their lessons outdoors on a Wednesday afternoon between 2-3pm. If you are able to come in and help out with their activities Mrs Abblitt would love to hear from you. Please email admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk if you are able to help out.

Year 4 - Birchwood Games -Friday 4th October

Our Year 4's have been invited to take part in the Birchwood Games for 2019. This event reflects our current term learning power of 'Teamwork Tigers' and will give the children an opportunity to take part in a variety of sports and maybe even try something new.

Sports Captains

Well done to the following children who have been chosen as Sports Captains for the Autumn Term:

Class 1: Matilda	Class 7: Jenson and Lara
Class 2: Maya	Class 8: Alfie and Olivia
Class 3: Archie	Class 9: Zac and Ruby
Class 4: Theo B	Class 10: Zoe and Kim
Class 5: Alfie and Talulah	Class 11: Gracie and Tom M
Class 6: Mac and Annie J	Class 12: Evangelene and Finley

Congratulations to everyone!

Safeguarding

'Young Children and Screen Time - A Good Start' A really useful guide offers advice, tips and checklists to help parents and carers support children's online activity and get them off to a good safe start in the online world. The guide includes advice on:

- Using devices together
- Setting rules for media and technology use at home
- Finding the right settings and parental controls
- Being a good role model

More information can be found [here](#).

School Association

Association News

The planning is well underway for our fireworks night on Friday 8th November. We will have some fabulous new suppliers there on the night to keep you fuelled and refreshed so keep an eye out for our posters and communications on that!

If you would like us to hold a Christmas event this year then WE REALLY NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ORGANISE ONE! So if you are keen to get festive, join the organising team by contacting ptanorthgate@gmail.com. All you need is some enthusiasm (and a little spare time).

Many thanks.
The PTA

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Henry	R1: Maurice
	PM: William	R2: Eira

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for showing lots of perseverance and excellent explanations in Maths.

Well done to:

Class 1: Arabelle	Class 6: Jasper
Class 2: Franky	Class 7: Tommy
Class 3: Brandon	Class 8: Finley
Class 4: Cadence	Class 9: Zac
Class 5: Hollie	Class 10: Evie
Year 6: Honor, Luca and Ella K	

Reminders and Updates

Coats

Given the current inclement weather, could you make sure that your child is sent into school with a coat every day. Please remember children are outside for a considerable amount of time each day.

School Gate

The school gate is open each morning between 8.45am and 8.55am. Nursery and Reception parents should go through to drop their children to class, however from Year 1 onwards children should be dropped at the gate. The gate will be closed from 8.55am and anyone arriving after this time should come in via the school office. Thank you.

Nursery /Reception tours

If you have a child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2020 we have several dates available for tours around the school. Please call the school office or email admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk if you would like to arrange a visit.

Community News

Jude (Class 6) will be running 100km throughout November to raise money for Tommy's, the baby charity. If you would like to support Jude, please click on the link to his JustGiving page here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jude-argent-100> Thank you!

Many of you will have used the services of Aspects, which supports our children through counselling work and organising many parenting classes. In the next few weeks they will be taking part in the green token scheme at Waitrose. They provide an invaluable resource for our community so please support them. If you would like to know more information about their services, [please look at their website](#).