

October 2nd 2020

Headteacher's News

Thank you to all the parents for their donations for the Food Bank and the hedgehog sanctuary Herts Hogline as part of our harvest celebrations.

We held a virtual assembly where we considered 'Harvest around the World.'



We appreciate your support with the changes

we have made so far to help keep all our children safe, for example with the one way system at the end of the day. With cases of Coronavirus on the rise locally, we are increasing our prevention measures in order to try and decrease the chances of a case within our school, and class or year bubbles closing. Therefore, from Monday, we will be **asking parents to wear masks when on the school site**. Staff will now also be wearing masks when they are on the school gate at drop off and collection times. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Next Wednesday, the contractors will be starting our new fencing that will go completely around the school. The project will greatly increase the security on the site, as it will include CCTV of the car park, and increased lighting. The project will take the next two months to complete and our usual safeguarding arrangements will be in place.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Sports Captains

We are delighted to announce the following children who have been chosen as Sports Captain for the Autumn term, for their positive attitude in PE lessons and during extra curricular activities. As a sports captain the children will take on various responsibilities to help support the school in all things PE. This includes lessons, school sport and physical activity. We really hope that this opportunity will be a great way to improve the leadership skills of these pupils and provide them with a chance to grow in confidence and show off their skills. New captains will be chosen for the Spring term.

Well done to:

Class 1: Maurice

Class 2: Eira

Class 3: Amanda

Class 4: Franky

Class 5: Freddie and Niamh

Class 6: Jack and Alexandra

Class 7: Curtis and Rose

Class 8: Quincy and Phoebe

Class 9: Felix and Annie

Class 10: Gregor and Jasmine

Class 11: Frank P and Isla A

Class 12: Filip and Jessie

Important Dates - 2020/21

Thurs 15th Oct	Parent information videos released
Weds 21st Oct	School Photographs
	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 23rd Oct	Black History Day
26th - 30th Oct	October Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET DAY
3rd - 6th Nov	Wellbeing Week
Tues 10th Nov	Parent Consultations
Weds 11th Nov	Parent Consultations
Weds 16th Dec	School virtual Christmas videos released
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 4th Jan	Children Return to School
15th-19th Feb	February Half Term
Fri 26th March	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 12th Apr	Children Return to School
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
31st May-4th Jun	May Half Term
Mon 7th June	INSET DAY
Weds 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Thurs 22nd July	OCCASIONAL DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Reading Books in School

We are looking at increasing our class sets of these books:

- Fantastic Mr Fox
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Good Night Mr Tom
- Snow Spider
- Alice in Wonderland

If you have any of these titles that you are able to donate, please leave them in the box outside the office. Please note we are not looking for donations of other titles at this time and all books will be quarantined before they are used with the children. Thank you.

Safeguarding

As part of our Computing curriculum, internet safety is being taught. However, with the introduction of Google Classrooms, please remind your children of some of these internet safety rules:

- Not to share login details.
- Not to post pictures of themselves in school uniform which could be used to identify which school they attend.
- Not to post any personal information online.
- To never give out their passwords.
- If they see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: to leave the website, turn off their computer and tell a trusted adult immediately.

Displays Around School - Early Years

In the Early Years we have been learning about what makes a good learner. We decided that you need to be motivated, kind and aspirational and this was the inspiration for our corridor displays. Nursery are shooting into space as they 'Reach for the Stars'. Reception 1 are learning to be kind friends as they 'throw kindness around like confetti' and Reception 2 have created motivated minibeasts in their art area. We hope that the rest of the school is inspired by our ideas too.

Nursery

Reaching for the Stars



Reception - R1

Learning how to be kind friends



Reception - R2

Creating and Thinking Critically



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Florence T R1: George
PM: Ava R2: Teddy

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for showing a range of reading skills

Well done to:

Class 1: Sydney Class 7: Jeevan
Class 2: Lilian Class 8: Leanne
Class 3: Martha Class 9: Charles
Class 4: Roisin Class 10: Ally
Class 5: Noemie Class 11: Charlotte
Class 6: Lottie Class 12: Erin

Reminders and Updates

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons no jewellery is permitted in school, including stud earrings. Children will be asked to remove earrings unless a letter has been supplied, giving the date of piercing and the date they will be removed.

Uniform Shoes

Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights (or with the lights turned off). Children are **not** allowed to wear trainers, fashion shoes or boots.

Google Classrooms

If your child has not yet logged onto their Google Classroom account, please could we ask you to ensure they log on over the next few days. We will be using Google Classrooms as our new way of uploading homework each week and for home learning in the event of class closures.

Coats

It is now very important that all children bring a coat into school with them every day. The temperature has already dropped significantly since the start of term and the children will be outside every day unless there is heavy rain. Thank you.

Covid-19 Update - Masks

Due to an increase in the spread of Coronavirus, we are now asking that parents wear face coverings when they pick up or drop off their children at school.

This is a preventative measure to help stop the spread of Covid-19 at a time when cases are rising.

We feel that this is a sensible precaution which will help lower the risk of transmission in areas such as the school gates, where social distancing can be difficult.

It is vitally important that our children are in school and we hope this will help us to enable Northgate to remain a safe environment for our whole school community.

We thank you for your support with this.