

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 1st 2021

Headteacher's News

Thank you to all the parents for their harvest donations to the Food Bank and the hedgehog sanctuary Herts Hogline. Mrs Towns and Mr McDonald from the local Food Bank joined our key stage 2 harvest assemblies on Wednesday to speak to the children about what will happen with their donated items and to gain an understanding of local need.

If you would like to find out more information about Bishop's Stortford Food Bank, please visit their website at [Food Bank](#).

If you have not yet donated and would like to do so, please bring your donations into school on Monday.



We hope the Year 2 parents found the reading workshop useful. We have several other parent workshops over the coming weeks to give parents a better understanding of how to support at home. On Tuesday 5th October at 9am there will be a Year 1 Phonics Workshop held in the hall, which will include how to support your child, how to pronounce sounds, and information about the Year 1 phonics assessment.

On Wednesday 6th October, from 6.45pm to 8.00pm, we will be holding a Year 5 and 6 Parent Curriculum Information Evening. During this session we will be running a series of 15 minute workshops on supporting English and Maths. There will also be an opportunity to get a better understanding of the Year 6 SATs. Please see the Important Dates section for sessions for the other year groups.

Please remember that masks should be worn to all events held in school.

Have a great weekend.

Pupil News

Tilly (C12) was presented with a £100 gift voucher after she won a letter treasure hunt organised by the British Legion in Bishop's Stortford. Shops in the town who are part of 'Discover Stortford' had letters hidden in their shop windows. Tilly successfully found all the letters and rearranged them to find the word 'Remembered'.



Tilly is looking forward to spending her gift voucher and supporting the local community.

Important Dates - 2021/22

Tues 5th Oct	9am Year 1 - Phonics Workshop
Weds 6th Oct	Year 5 and 6 Parent Information Evening 6.45pm - 8pm
Mon 11th Oct	8pm - PTA Committee Meeting
Weds 13th Oct	Year 4 - Time Tables Workshop
Thurs 14th Oct	2.45pm Reception - Phonics Workshop
18th-22nd Oct	Black History Week
Tues 19th Oct	Nursery - Phonics Workshop (8.45am)
Weds 20th Oct	Year 3 - Maths and Times Tables Workshop
Thurs 21st Oct	Individual School Photographs
25th-29th Oct	October Half Term
Mon 1st Nov	INSET DAY
2nd-5th Nov	Wellbeing Week
Tues 9th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 10th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings
Weds 17th Nov	Happy School Bag Collection
Weds 1st Dec	Early Years Christmas Production
Thurs 2nd Dec	Flu Immunisations
Weds 8th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production
Mon 13th Dec	KS2 Pantomime (Southmill Arts)
Tues 14th Dec	KS1 Pantomime (in school)
Mon 13th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch
Tues 14th Dec	LKS2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 15th Dec	UKS2 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 16th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Mon 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 21st Dec	Occasional Day
Weds 5th Jan	Children Return to School
14th-18th Feb	February Half Term
Mon 21st Feb	INSET DAY
Weds 2nd March	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 1st April	End of Term at 2.00pm
Tues 19th April	Children Return to School
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

With an energy cost crisis looming, it can be a worrying time for some families. Support is available in the local area and the following links may be helpful if assistance is needed;

[Warmer Homes Scheme](#)

[Citizens Advice](#)

If support is needed around debt, there are links shown below to help with this issue;

[Step Change](#)

[Money Helper](#)

Reminders and Updates

Lost Property

We have lots of unnamed school uniform in our lost property box. Please could we ask that all items of school uniform, school bags, lunch boxes, etc. are clearly named so they can be promptly returned to their owner.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultation appointments and instructions on how to book will be available when we return after half term.

Please Park Safely

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near school safe.

Drivers SHOULD NOT:-

- Park on the zig zag lines or on the pavement outside school.
- Park on double yellow lines at any time, or single yellow lines during restricted hours.
- Park or drive on footpaths.
- Park within 10 metres of a junction as this decreases visibility.
- Block driveways or dropped kerbs.

Parking around our school is monitored and you may be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports Captains

Congratulations to our new Autumn term sports captains. It will be a fantastic chance for them to get involved in the sporting opportunities we offer at Northgate. The children will have responsibility for equipment and will be supporting both their class and teacher within PE lessons.

With the hope of holding house events, the children will support the running of these and play a part in their success.



Class 1: Henry H and Mya	Class 7: William and Eden
Class 2: Bea and Owen	Class 8: Albie and Holly
Class 3: Dennis and Agnes	Class 9: Harry and Yoana
Class 4: Alfie and Melly	Class 10: Griff and Hollie
Class 5: Evie and James	Class 11: Mya and Harry
Class 6: Martha and Daniel	Class 12: Ryan and Tommy

Covid Guidance

Masks In order to protect our whole school community, we would request that parents continue to wear masks while you are on school grounds. Thank you for your support.

Positive Cases At present, the government guidance is for children showing symptoms of Covid to be kept at home and to take a PCR test.

If your child tests positive for Covid they will need to self-isolate for a 10 day period in accordance with the current guidance. Currently, there is no longer a requirement for close contacts (aged 11 and under or those who are fully vaccinated) of a positive case to isolate for this period however updated guidance will be sent out should the situation arise.

Please continue to keep the school office informed if there are any positive cases within your household.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Teiga

R1: Isobel

R2: Florence T

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on being a mathematician.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for solving some really challenging maths problems and for showing resilience when tackling a range of mathematical calculations.

Well done to:

Class 1: Lucas L

Class 7: Eden

Class 2: Owen

Class 8: Ronnie

Class 3: Harry

Class 9: Gabby

Class 4: Joshua C

Class 10: Kiki

Class 5: Julia

Class 11: Violet and Mya

Class 6: Lulu

Class 12: Erin

Community News

Climate Change

What can we do about climate change? Come along to a FREE screening of the award-winning winning film 'Tomorrow' and find out on Saturday October 9th at 2:30pm at South Mill Arts. This screening is part of the Community Climate Gathering, free events organised by the Bishop's Stortford Climate Group. Find out more and book tickets at www.communityclimategathering.org.

Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre drawing competition

With the opening of the brand new Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre taking place at the end of October, Everyone Active would like to invite children from all year groups to take part in a fun drawing competition.

Given the Roman history and artefacts discovered during the build phase, students will need to draw/paint a creative Roman themed swimming pool picture.

All entries will receive a free swimming pass and the overall winner will receive 3 months free swimming for them and their family.

Use your imagination and be as creative as you like!

Please hand entries into your child's class teacher.

Charity News

London Marathon - Sunday 3rd October 2021

Louisa Piercy, years 4 and 6 parent and our PTA chair, will be running the London Marathon this weekend!

She is running to raise money for the Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF), an independent charity that encourages local giving to make Hertfordshire a better place to live for everyone. Donations are used to provide grants to families in crisis, grassroots charities and voluntary groups, helping some of the county's most vulnerable residents.

To read more about HCF and to sponsor Louisa, please visit her fundraising page via the following link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LouisaPiercy/1>.