

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

Letter from the Chair of Governors

In this report I would normally provide a brief overview of the previous year, highlighting particular points of note; things like the all of the music concerts and the wonderful shows, Northgate's success at sporting fixtures and the plans for a new ICT suite.

This year has, of course, been anything but normal. The closing of school to most children from mid-March has, I'm sure you'll agree, presented enormous challenges to staff and parents alike. I would like to thank the senior leaders for giving pupils the opportunity to have had some time in school, which is a massive feat in itself. I am hopeful that we will have all children back in school in September for a fantastic 2020/2021, but myself and all the governors are conscious that it will take time, patience and commitment to get back to normal.

I wish the Year 6 children all the best in starting the next chapter in their lives, wherever that may be, and I look forward to watching the video of next week's play.

As we head towards the summer holidays, I would like to take the time to thank everyone who is involved with the school: teachers, support staff, volunteers, governors and of course the children.

I would like to personally thank all parents and carers for all the support you have shown our school this year and to wish you a happy and healthy summer holiday.

Sarah Cran

Important Dates - 2020/21

2nd-3rd Sept	INSET DAYS
Friday 4th Sept	Children Return to School
Weds 21st Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
26th - 30th Oct	October Half Term
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
Thurs 22nd July	End of Term at 2.00pm

Enriching the Curriculum Sports Day Activities - Years 2 to 6

Sports day events have been taking place in school over the past two weeks. We were really pleased to see all of the children taking part and showing excellent sportsmanship, encouragement and team work throughout their events. They took part in a variety of track and field events scoring points for their houses. Well done to everyone for getting involved.

1st Place	Normans
2nd Place	Vikings
3rd Place	Saxons
4th Place	Romans



Year 1 enjoyed their own version of sports day, completing the rainbow games during their last week in school. They took part in mini competitions in throwing, jumping, reaction time and agility. We were very proud of their enthusiasm, energy and team work.

School Uniform

From September all the children must return to school in full school uniform.

- ◇ Skirts and trousers must be smart school wear.
- ◇ Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights. Children are not allowed trainers, fashion shoes or boots.
- ◇ In Years 5 and 6 all children must wear a white shirt or a white blouse, with a school tie and in Years 3 and 4 children can wear a shirt and tie but this is optional.
- ◇ Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school, including smart watches. Earrings are **not** allowed to be worn for safety reasons and children will be asked to remove them.
- ◇ Hair accessories must be in school colours, yellow or bottle green. Extreme hair cuts or hair gel/cream are not allowed. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- ◇ Please remember **all** children need a coat, as they will be outside during the day.
- ◇ **PE KIT** - All children need to wear a white t-shirt with bottle green shorts and a bottle green tracksuit in colder weather.

Please can you also make sure all items are named. We take a tremendous amount of unnamed items to charity as we are unable to return them to their rightful owners.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Reception: R1: Noah K and Leo
R2: Isabella and George

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for writing lovely letters to their new teachers and fantastic speed bouncing during the sports day activities.

Well done to:

CI1: Max	CI5B: Eshaal	CI9A: Megan
CI2: Emily	CI6A: Eva Mac	CI9B: Ruby
CI3A: Toby	CI6B: Archie	CI10A: Ruby
CI3B: Charlotte	CI7A: Molly	CI10B: Georgina
CI4A: Noemie	CI7B: Erin	CI11A: Emily
CI4B: Olivia	CI8A: Annabel	CI11B: Sian
CI5A: Griff	CI8B: Edie	CI12A: Poppy B
		CI12B: Feroz

School Clubs

We are very much hoping that our school clubs will be able to return to Northgate at the start of the autumn term and are currently working with them to ensure they can return in a safe way, so that the children can get back to a full, enriched curriculum. Further details will be sent out during the start of the autumn term once we have finalised which clubs will be able to run.

Cheerleaders Stortford Cheerleaders are holding online cheer sessions during the summer holidays. Please see the attached poster for more information.

BSCFC - Don't forget your final chance to attend BSCFC's recruitment days this weekend. Details attached.

Summer Reading

If you would like your child to continue to develop their reading over the summer break the [reading agency](https://www.schoolreaders.org/storytime) has lots of resources, book recommendations and a summer reading competition for you to access.

The link and password below will give access to stories that have been recorded over the last few months by volunteers at a reading charity.

<https://www.schoolreaders.org/storytime>

Password: love2read

Thanks from the NHS

Tallulah from Class 3 has received a letter of thanks from the NHS to highlight how well she has handled her mum working with ill patients during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tallulah's Mum works for the East of England Ambulance Service. The letter says her Mum has been a brave, strong and kind individual.

Tallulah was praised for being such a brilliant support to her.



Congratulations from everyone at Northgate.

