

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

December 13th 2019

Headteacher's News

We were dazzled by the talent of our pupils this week. KS1 did an amazing performance of 'It's a Party', impressing the audiences with their fantastic singing, dancing and the clarity of their speaking. We were extremely proud of them all. We wish to thank parents for their support, particularly for supplying their costumes. I would like to thank all our KS1 staff and volunteers for their time and energy putting such a tremendous show together.

Our Year 5/6 choir performed with other local schools at St Michael's Church on Monday night. It was a magical evening with our choir singing beautifully.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Christmas Film Night and games last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and we are delighted that it raised £1,400.00

We are also grateful to the PTA for funding the entertainer Papalarny, who came in to entertain the Foundation stage on Thursday morning. The children thoroughly enjoyed it! KS1 have a visiting pantomime company coming into school next week and KS2 will be heading down to the pantomime at the Rhodes Theatre, all also funded by our fantastic PTA.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for 'Save the Children' by wearing Christmas jumpers today. We all looked incredibly festive!

It was lovely to see lots of volunteers this morning at the coffee morning. We really appreciate the time you give. If you would like to commit to volunteering, even for 20 minutes reading once a week, please contact the school office.

Enriching the Curriculum

Today we held our first Inter House Sporting Competition for each year group. They participated within their key stages and took part in a carousel of different sporting activities, where houses competed against each other for house points.

All of the children were fantastic sports, participated fully and showed excellent motivation and teamwork skills. It was great to see their competitive spirits.

A special mention to the sports captains who helped Mrs Pursglove throughout the event. It really couldn't have run without their dedication and commitment.

Points will be tallied over the weekend and winners announced next week!

Birchwood Football League

Huge congratulations to the BSP football team who came second in the league. Well done for all of their hard work and commitment this term.

Important Dates

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
	2pm start - 3pm pick up from church
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 6th Jan	Children Return to School
Weds 8th Jan	2.50pm Class 7 Meet the Teacher
Weds 15th Jan	2.15pm SENCO Parent Workshop
Fri 7th Feb	School Discos KS1 5pm, KS2 6.45pm
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

Safeguarding

Just to remind you that the CEOP website is a useful one for parents to support with the safe use of technology. Current articles include; Online Gaming: Tips for playing safe; Jessie & Friends: Online Safety Education for 4-7 year olds and Stay Safe Online for 8-10 year olds.

CEOP

There is also a really helpful link to Seasonal Netiquette: 5 new parenting rules for screen time and tech when families gather.

Seasonal Netiquette

This website gives lots of useful tips about sharing images and screen time over the holiday period.



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Reminders and Updates

Last Week of Term - Dates for the Diary

MONDAY

Christmas Lunches - Important Information

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas lunch on Monday, 16th December and this must be booked in advance on School Grid. **Years 3-6 will need a packed lunch sent from home on this day as there will be no school lunch option available.**

Year 2 - Work Sharing

The Year 2 classes will be sharing their work with parents at 2.45pm on Monday 16th December.

TUESDAY

Christmas Lunches - Important Information

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 17th December and this must be booked in advance on School Grid. **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need a packed lunch from home on this day as there will be no school lunch option available.**

WEDNESDAY

Key Stage 2 - Panto

Our KS2 children will be walking to the Rhodes Theatre on Wednesday morning to watch Sleeping Beauty. They will be back in time for lunch so please order your child's lunch in the usual way on School Grid.

THURSDAY

Carol Service at St Michael's Church

Our KS2 children will be walking to St Michael's Church on Thursday afternoon for the Christmas carol service. If you would like to join us, please arrive at 1.45pm and the service will start at 2pm. **Please Note: Collection for KS2 children will be at 3pm from the church.** If your child is in Night Owls after school, provision will be made for the children to be walked back to school at the end of the service.

FRIDAY

Tennis club will be run today for Years 5 & 6 and Years 3 & 4 who missed a session due to Occasional Day and bad weather on Thursday this week.

End of Term

School will close at 2pm on Friday. Night owls will run from 2pm and close at 6.30pm as usual.

Happy Christmas!!



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

R1: Eliza S

R2: Lola

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for being enthusiastic towards music and beautiful singing in lessons. Well done to:

Class 5: Isla

Class 9: Katherine

Class 6: Poppy

Class 10: Imogen L

Class 7: Oscar

Class 11: Ewan

Class 8: Deanna

Class 12: Annabel

Reminders

We want all our children looking smart for our final events so just to remind you that;

- Hair accessories must be in school colours
- Children are not allowed to wear ear-rings
- Children are not allowed to wear hair gel
- Hair below shoulder length must be tied up.

Many thanks

School Association

THANK YOU! to everyone who supported our Christmas film night. We are delighted to have raised £1,400. Thank you to Jo Parrott, Geri Wren, Susan Tidman, Kelly Hyde and Jon Doolan for organising this. And to year 6 for their brilliant (as ever) games.

At the start of term we outlined that our fundraising target for the year was £14,000. At this point in the year we are already a third of the way there which is fantastic! If you'd like to help us reach our target without having to commit any of your time or bake any cakes or biscuits, please sign up to our 250 club. There are still numbers available and, if we get the full 250 members, we will raise an easy and incredible £18,000 a year! At the same time, you have the chance to win £1,000 every month, at a cost to you of £10 a month and the 3 minutes it takes to set up a standing order! We are all busy but our school needs you. Contact Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk to sign up.

Thanks for supporting the PTA