

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

January 5th 2023

Headteacher's News

Happy New Year! I hope you had a magical Christmas and an enjoyable start to the New Year.

It has been great seeing the children settle back to the new term. We have introduced our new assembly theme based on the school values. This half term we will focus on being independent, and what that means in terms of being a successful learner. This follows on nicely from last half term's learning power—Self-managing Monkey.

If you would like to be a regular volunteer at school, we have safeguarding training next week, which is part of the requirements. If you have shown an interest but not been approached by a staff member, please let the office know.

We look forward to seeing you across the term. There are lots of new dates, including maths games and work sharing so please have a look. You may have additional dates on your year group termly letter. Have a great weekend.

Reminders and Updates

Request from Year 2 Teachers regarding volunteer speakers

Year 2 are very keen to invite some visitors in to speak to our children this term. We are looking for people (perhaps Grandparents) who attended Northgate a long time ago, to talk to the children about the differences between when they were at school and now. We are also looking for family members who are from the Islamic faith to come and share information about their religion. The children are always so excited to have visitors and learn lots from these experiences, so please do let us know if you can help. (You do not have to have a child in Year 2). You can let us know by contacting either class3@northgate.herts.sch.uk or class4@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Wet play games required for Nursery

If you are having a clear-out after Christmas and have any spare taking turn games such as Jenga/snake and ladders etc. for under 5 year olds, please email nursery@northgate.herts.sch.uk. They really need toys that the children can use at playtime on a wet day.

School Uniform

Please note that children have to wear bottle-green jumpers at school with or without a logo. This includes sports kit hoodies only on PE days.

If you need to update your children's uniform, we have a great second hand uniform rack in the school reception (payment by cash only). Proceeds go to the school PTA fund. Alternatively, you could try Tesco's or Marks and Spencer's for plain knitwear and, of course, Foster's or My Clothing. **Please remember to label all of your children's items of clothing to avoid them going missing or home with the wrong family.**

Shoes should be smart black school shoes (**no boots or trainer shoes** should be worn), without flashing lights (or with the lights turned off).

No extreme hairstyles are allowed, such as tramlines or spikey. Hair accessories must be in school colours, yellow or bottle-green.

Children are **not** allowed to wear earrings or other jewellery in school. Children will be asked to remove any they are wearing. If there is a religious reason for wearing items, please contact Mrs Tanner in writing.

Lost Property

Please come and claim lost property (clothing) as soon as possible. We have many school jumpers and cardigans etc... At present lost property is contained in white boxes in the school reception area. There are no names on these items, so if you are missing any, please see if you recognise them in the pile. Anything that is not claimed by Friday 12th January will be washed and placed on the preloved rail.

Important Dates

Tues 9th Jan	2.45pm Safeguarding training for new volunteers
Fri 12th Jan	2.00pm PTA Committee Meeting
Fri 26th Jan	Y5 Visit from Wonder Dome
Mon 29th Jan	9.00am Dog's Trust- whole school assembly/ workshops
Tues 30th Jan	Dog's Trust workshops
Tue 30 th Jan	Y2 walk to Northgate Old School
Wed 31st Jan	Young Voices Choir—O2
Mon 5th Feb	Y6 Victorian Day
Tues 6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tues 6th Feb	Y4 Trip to Southend Sea Life Centre
12th– 16th Feb	Festival of Literature
Wb 12th Feb	House netball tournament
Half Term	19th - 23rd Feb
Mon 4th Mar	7.30pm PTA committee meeting
5th & 6th Mar	Parent consultations
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Thurs 7th Mar	2.40pm Y6 spring music concert
Mon 11th Mar	9am Y5 & 6 maths games/work sharing with parents
Tues 12th Mar	9am Nursery & Reception maths games/work sharing with parents
Wed 13th March	9am Y1 & 2 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th March	9am Y3 & 4 maths games/work sharing with parents
Thurs 14th Mar	2.30pm Y6 Music Concert
Thurs 21st March	Y3 & 4 production
Wk beg 25th Mar	House cross country final
Wk beg 25th Mar	Science week and house science quiz
Fri 22nd Mar	Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle
Thurs 28th Mar	2 pm Last day of term.
29th Mar—15th April	Easter break
Thurs 25th April	2.30pm Y5 Music concert
Thurs 9th May	2.30pm Y4 Music concert
Fri 10th May	2pm PTA committee meeting
13th—16th May	Y6 SATS
Mon 20th May	Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew.
Wed 23rd May	2.30pm Y3 Music concert
27th—31st May	Half Term
Mon 3rd June	Inset Day
Mon 3rd June	Y4 National multiplication assessments
3rd—7th June	Y6 School Journey, Kingswood
Mon 10th June	Y1 National phonics, screening.
Fri 14th June	Y5 Egyptian workshop
Fri 21st June	Y2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Christmas Reading Challenge

Please could forms (attached) be handed to the class teacher by Wednesday 10th January (not every bauble needs to be completed to enter). All entries will be placed into a lucky draw and the winners will be announced in assembly next Friday.

Safeguarding

Parental controls online.

Did your child receive a new digital gadget for Christmas? Please see attached to the email two flyers from National Online Safety. One covers top tips for setting up parental controls on new devices such as mobile phones, tablets, smart TV's, PC's, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch, Xbox etc. The other is a guide to managing screen time. Shortly we will be sending parents a direct link to the National College website which has a lot of useful information for parents.

**EVERY CHILD
EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY**