

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

**November 28th 2019**

## Headteacher's News

Just a reminder that **school is closed tomorrow** for an Occasional Day. Usually we attach it to a holiday, but this year the staff decided to break up this very long term. We hope the children have a restful day!

Congratulations to Mrs Clynes on the birth of her daughter yesterday. We wish the family well.

Next week we start our Christmas festivities and on Thursday we are delighted to present the Reception Christmas production.

Our PTA are all looking forward to the Christmas Film Night with festive refreshments and activities. Please remember to return the completed form and £5 by Wednesday 4th December. Parents are invited to come and have a glass of mulled wine from 4.30pm. After the film there will be some Year 6 games and a sand art stall.

Next Monday we are delighted that we are going to be visited by three Ugandan teachers, one of whom is closely involved with Namutumba Primary School, the Ugandan school that we are linked with. Year 3 have been working hard writing Christmas cards for the teachers to take back to the pupils of the school. Children who would like to be invited to write a letter over the weekend, about themselves, their interests and their school, for the Ugandan teachers to take back to the children there. All letters need to be handed in to Miss Nolan in Year 3 on Monday morning.

Have a great long weekend.

## School Council

The School Council meet every two weeks to discuss school matters, charities and house team rewards. The council is made up of two elected pupils from each class.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. When you join in with Christmas Jumper Day, it makes you a little bit awesome! All you've got to do is donate 50p to take part.



### Children In Need

We are delighted to confirm that we raised an outstanding £528.47 for Children In Need after our Pyjama Day. We are so grateful for all of your donations.

### House Team Rewards

School Council have voted that the end of term treat for the winning house team will be to have their lunch together in the hall to celebrate. We are excited to see who will win this exciting treat

## Important Dates

Tues 3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection
<b>Thurs 5th Dec</b>	<b>2pm Reception Christmas Production</b>
Fri 6th Dec	3.30-6.30pm Christmas Film Night
Mon 9th Dec	2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing
Mon 9th Dec	10am-11am Nursery AM Christmas Singing Concert
Mon 9th Dec	2pm-3pm Nursery PM Christmas Singing Concert
<b>Tues 10th Dec</b>	<b>7pm Choir (Y5/6) concert at St Michaels</b>
Weds 11th Dec	2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thurs 12th Dec	2.45pm REC Work Sharing
<b>Fri 13th Dec</b>	<b>9am Volunteer Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Fri 13th Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
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
<b>Thurs 19th Dec</b>	<b>KS2 St Michael's Church carol service</b>
	<b>2pm start - 3pm pick up from church</b>
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 6th Jan</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Weds 15th Jan	2.15pm SENCO Parent Workshop
<b>Fri 7th Feb</b>	<b>School Discos KS1 5pm, KS2 6.45pm</b>
17th-21st Feb	Half Term
<b>Mon 24th Feb</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 25th Feb</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Fri 3rd April	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 20th April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>May 2020</b>	<b>Yr 2 SATs</b>
<b>Fri 8th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)</b>
<b>11th-15th May</b>	<b>Yr 6 SAT's week</b>
25th-29th May	Half Term
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 2nd June</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
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 <b>2.00pm</b>

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding

Please remind your children, including pre-schoolers, that they are not permitted to scoot or cycle on school premises. The entrance area is extremely busy in the morning and we do not wish to have any accidents. Thank you for your co-operation.

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### Community

**Bishop's Stortford Christmas Fayre** is taking place on Saturday 7th December from 9.30am to 4.30pm on North Street, Potter Street, Market Square and South Street.

This free event will include activities for all the family such as live music and performances, a fun fair, reindeer, puppet shows and much more. The Fayre incorporates the regular weekly Saturday Market and the Farmers and Craft Market, as well as specialised festive stalls.

The Fayre is a major event throughout the Town Centre which several thousand people are expected to attend and it would not be possible without road closures. Road closures will be in force on 7th December from 6.00am to 7.00pm on North Street, Potter Street, South Street up to the junction with Station Road, High Street up to Basbow Lane and Market Square, with access only available to pedestrians.

During the same period the one way system will be suspended on certain roads, allowing for vehicles to drive in both directions. This will apply to Church Street, Water Lane and Barrett Lane and diversions will be in place.

#### Tots Tennis Club

Bishop's Stortford Lawn Tennis Club are hoping to start some new pre-school tots tennis sessions at the tennis club for nursery age children. They will be running free taster sessions before Christmas, with a view to starting courses in January. A flyer is attached with more information.

### School Association

#### **Be green, recycle!**

Our next Happy Bags collection is the morning of Tuesday 3rd December so why not have a sort out over the weekend to make room for Christmas gifts?! Deposit your bags in the bike shelter as usual.

#### **Christmas Film Night**

Hopefully your children have come home with their flyers for our Christmas film night. If not, grab one from the office! The details are.... **ELF! Friday 6th December 3:15pm to 5:15pm. Join us from 4:30pm for mulled wine, mince pies and refreshments and for the legendary Year 6 games and other activities once the film has finished.** Complete your permission slip and return it to the office, along with £5 per child for drinks and snacks during the film.

Thanks  
Your PTA

### Reminders and Updates

#### Christmas Events

This is a very busy time of year with lots of different events happening. For most events children need collecting at the normal pickup. However, for the KS2 church service on the 19th December children will need to be picked up from St Michaels church at 3pm. Teachers of the younger children are aware parents may be a few minutes late for pick up.

#### Hertfordshire Schools Gala Concert

Please ensure that replies for the Schools Gala Concert are returned to the school office by the end of the day on Tuesday 3rd December. Entries returned after this time will unfortunately not be included in the ballot.

#### Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be open from Monday 2nd December. Children need to write the full name and class of the child (e.g. Joe Bloggs, Class 1) on the envelope.

#### Yr 5/6 Choir Carol Service

Members of the choir from Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Bishop's Stortford Primary Schools Carol Service which will take place at St Michael's Church on the evening of Tuesday 10th December 2019. There will be a rehearsal at the Church on the afternoon of the concert so children will need to be collected from St Michael's at 3.00pm. They will need to return to the church between 6.30pm and 6.45pm in smart school uniform. A maximum of 2 guests are allowed per child. If you are not attending the service, children need to be collected from the church at 8.00pm.

#### Christmas Lunch

Bookings for Christmas Lunch must be made on School Grid by **Monday 9th December**. Lunch will be served to the Key Stage 1 children on Monday 16th December and Key Stage 2 children on Tuesday 17th December. If you would like to book a Christmas Lunch for you child and they have a special dietary need, but do not have a Herts Catering special menu previously arranged, please contact the office.

#### Forgotten Items

Please can you ensure that your child arrives at school with everything they need for the day, along with any kit required for their after school activities. Since the beginning of term over 150 items have been delivered to the school office. Please note that we will only deliver essential things to your children. Items like birthday sweets can be given to the child to hand out the following day. Items are delivered during morning break and at lunchtime.