

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

July 16th 2021

## Headteacher's News

This week we have had a range of fun activities, including fieldwork day, art day and some class trips. It's the end of another busy but challenging year at Northgate. A wide variety of special events and activities were organised, including throughout home learning. Children shared some of their favourite moments with me this week and their highlights included school plays, Egyptian day and making models on DT day. We have all been so proud of the children's resilience and how they have adapted to the different situations they have had to face this year.

### Goodbye to Year 6 Children and Parents

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our Year 6 children next week who are moving on to their secondary schools. We will miss them, having been very proud of them, for their hard work and attitude this year and across their school life. Best of luck! To all those families who are leaving us, thank you for your support during your time at Northgate.

### Farewell to Staff

Farewell to Miss Nolan, Mrs McIntosh, Mrs Newman, Mrs Virdee Mrs Cran and Mrs Alimenti. We thank them for their hard work and what they have all brought to our school. We wish them good luck in their new jobs. They will all be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. All the best to Miss Goslitski who starts her maternity leave.

### Thank You to the PTA

Thank you for your continued support this year with your fundraising despite the extremely challenging times.

### Thank You to the Governors

We are grateful to all the Governors for their support, commitment and work behind the scenes. Governors work with the school in so many important ways to ensure the best provision for all our children. Please see the Letter from the Chair of Governors attached to this email.

### Thank You to the Staff

My thanks also go to all the staff at Northgate who have worked tirelessly in new and challenging situations this year to ensure the best education for all the children.

### Thank You to the Parents and Carers

I would, once again, like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout this most challenging of years. I think we can be proud of the resilience and determination shown by the children and the progress made despite the challenges.

### Next term

We hope that school life will return back to normal in September with the removal of school bubbles and the staggered start to the start and end of the day. Children can continue to come in in PE kit on their given PE day. Guidance is continually changing in response to the altering situation, so we will let you know at the start of September if anything changes again.

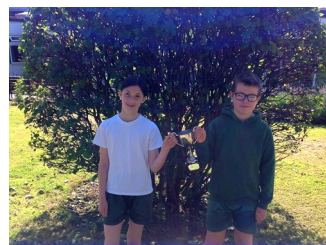
I wish all families a healthy and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Friday 3rd September.

## Important Dates - 2020/21

Mon 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 20th July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Weds 21st July	INSET day
Thurs 22nd July	OCCASIONAL DAY
1st-2nd Sept	INSET DAYS
Fri 3rd Sept	Children Return to School
25th-29th Oct	October Half Term
Mon 1st Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 21st Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Weds 5th Jan	Children Return to School

## House Cup Winners

Well done to **Romans** for winning the House Cup this year!



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

## Sports' Day Winners

Well done to Vikings who were the winning House at Sports Day this year.

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



## Safeguarding - School Parking

The tennis club have made the decision to use ParkingEye to manage their car park and envisage it will be in place by the start of the next school year, which may result in £100 fines. The Sports Trust will also keep their gates closed to the bottom car park for the foreseeable future.

ParkingEye are an external company and will not be lenient with fines. Parking in front of the gates will also result in a fine as it is part of their land and the camera will be set up accordingly.

We have also received a complaint from a resident of Grailands as driveways are being blocked, cars are being driven along and are parking on pavements and cars are sitting with their engines on. This is not only illegal but it raises serious health issues for residents and our children.

Please use the parking which is available to our parents and carers in the Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club car park at the top of Cricketfield Lane.

### Year 1 Visit to Knebworth

In Year 1 we loved our trip to Knebworth House on Thursday. We had a fantastic morning exploring the grounds, mazes and dinosaurs exhibition. We were very impressed by the giant redwood tree and baffled by the monkey maze! Luckily, the weather stayed dry so we could enjoy our picnic lunch and the wonderful outside play area before we headed back to school.



### Year 3 Visit to Celtic Harmony

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic day at Celtic Harmony Camp today, learning about the Stone Age. Thank you for all the adult helpers who helped make the day run so well.

### Year 4 Visit to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle

As part of their 1066 topic, Year 4 visited Stansted Mountfitchet Castle. The children had a fabulous day exploring how people lived at that time. We were fortunate enough to get hands-on experience firing a catapult. The children were able to look around the old Toy Museum where they could see a large collection of toys from late Victorian times up to 1990s. They also received a certificate for their manners and behaviour whilst at the castle. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.



### Art Day

On Wednesday, all year groups participated in an Art day. The day was very successful and allowed the children the opportunity to focus on a particular art skill and find out about an artist. The children enjoyed using a variety of



media during the day. Some year groups focused on painting, colour mixing and using watercolours effectively, other year groups focused on sculpture, clay and Modroc.

### Geography Fieldwork

This week everyone has enjoyed some outdoor learning where we have focused on developing our geography fieldwork skills. Classes have had the opportunity to visit and enquire about different places in our local area such as the park, the river and the new housing estate. Fieldwork skills are a key part of the geography curriculum as they allow children to combine knowledge with skills and develop a sense of the place around them. It provides children with a context for geographical skills, connects children to their local environment and promotes curiosity of the real-world.

### Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

R1: Dylan

R2: Esmay

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on positive attitude to learning.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for always tackling every challenge with a smile, for being ready to learn even if the task has been challenging and for the positive attitude of Year 3 at Celtic Harmony.

Well done to:

Class 1: Amber-Rose

Class 7: Santa

Class 2: Lilian

Class 8: Emily

Class 3: Orla

Class 9: Megan

Class 4: Beatrix

Class 10: Diogo

Class 6: Max

Class 11: Ena

Class 5 & 6: Whole Class

Class 12: Honey

### Covid-19

We would kindly ask you to keep our school community safe by strictly following the guidelines.

**Please continue to wear masks when entering the school grounds until further notice.**

The Government are changing their procedures for notification of a positive PCR test. A letter detailing the new reporting procedures is attached to this email.

**Please keep this important information safe and refer to it during the summer holidays if needed.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

### End of Term Collection Times

Our last day in school this term is Tuesday 20th July 2021. Collection times are as follows:

**Reception** 1.45pm

**Years 1 & 2** 1.50pm

**Years 3 & 4** 1.55pm

**Years 5 & 6** 2.00pm

**From September 2021** we will be returning to our usual school hours with gates opening at **8.45am** to **8.55am** and school finishing at 3.15pm for Reception to Year 6.

### Missing Library Books

The school library have a great number of books which have been loaned out and have not been returned to school. Could we please ask you to check at home for any school books, and ask that they are returned to their class.

The school has recently spent a significant amount on books - many of which now need to be replaced. This will be particularly challenging this year when our school budget and the PTA fundraising has been significantly impacted by Covid. We would therefore ask you to please make the time to check your children's books at home carefully, and to return any that belong to the school.

School library books can be easily identified as they are stamped inside the front cover with the Northgate School stamp and each book has an individual code.