

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

June 11th 2021

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a fantastic half term holiday and enjoyed the wonderful weather. The sunshine definitely brightened our return to school with the children having settled back well to the last half term and their new topics.

We are currently working hard finalising plans for classes next year. We will be mixing our current year 2 and year 4 who will move into their new classes in year 3 and 5. We believe there are many benefits for mixing classes. These include:

- More opportunities for children to learn with a wider variety of peers.
- Ensuring that classes are balanced to support learning, e.g. number of boys/girls, more able, SEN, etc. as this might have changed as children leave and new children join the school.
- Greater social interaction between the children as they move through the school.
- Building key skills of resilience, teamwork and tolerance whilst in a safe and supportive environment.

We appreciate that we have had two challenging years. However, with the children now settled back into school, we believe class mixing is the right decision this year. Since the spring lockdown, the children will have been together in person for over 15 weeks as a class, and through lockdown the classes met together daily for online lessons. In contrast, last year in the summer term, the children were not in school and had not had the opportunity to stay connected as a class through online learning. Therefore, we feel that this year is quite different from last.

In class, teachers chose who children sit next to, and who their learning partners are. Children can still play with their friends from the other class. A questions and answers sheet is attached to this email which will hopefully be useful. For any unanswered questions, please email interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

All children will be told who their new teacher will be on Friday 25th June. In line with this, an email will be sent out regarding the mixed classes, informing parents which class their child(ren) will be in. Class teachers for next year will also be shown in the newsletter on that day.

Enjoy your weekend.

Important Dates - 2020/21

21st-23rd June	Year 6 School Journey
Thurs 24th June	Year 4 Instrumental Concert
Fri 25th June	Pyjama Day
Thurs 1st July	Year 3 Instrumental Concert
Tues 6th July	Year 5/6 Performance
Thurs 8th July	Move Up Day
Fri 9th July	Sports Day (details to be confirmed)
Tues 13th July	Outdoor Learning Day
Thurs 15th July	Take Over Day
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

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Sun Protection

The weather is looking glorious for the coming week with temperatures due to rise. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school as they will be outdoors during break times and for outdoor learning. Sun hats should also be brought into school to wear.

Staff Car Park

There are still a number of parents walking their children through the staff car park while the gates are open in the morning. For safeguarding reasons children should be walked through the pedestrian gate on the footpath. We have had children almost being run over in the past so please do not put your children in danger.

Sports' Days

We are hoping that on July 9th we will be able to hold our Sports' Day, which parents will be invited to watch in safe way without too much social mixing. Our current plan may change depending on the government advice at the time. At present the plans are;

- 9.15am— 10am Reception Sports' Day
- 10.15am— 11am Year 1 & 2 Sports' Day
- 11.15am— 12pm Year 3 and 4 Sports' Day
- 2.00pm— 2.45pm Year 5 and 6 Sports' Day.

The organisation will be different from previous years to prevent bubbles mixing. For safety reasons there will not be a whole school picnic this year.

The Nursery Sports' Day will be held on Wednesday 7th July at 11am for Nursery AM and at 2.30pm for Nursery PM.

Year 6 - Art

In their art lessons, Year 6 have been studying the work of Roy Lichtenstein.

They created their own versions of his piece 'The Crying girl' using acrylic paint and the pointillism technique.



Enriching the Curriculum - Basketball

This half term our PE lessons on a Wednesday and Friday will be taken by coaches from A-Z Basketball who have been in school teaching skills such as dribbling and passing.

The coaches aim to give the children a positive experience through the sport of basketball, whether its through skills development or health benefits for staying active.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their PE sessions whilst making the most of being outside during the warmer weather.



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Charlie	R1: Connor
	PM: Phoebe	R2: William

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on sport

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for consistent ability and enthusiasm in all areas of PE throughout the year and excellent focus and ability in dance lessons:

Well done to:

Class 1: Noah S	Class 7: Alfie
Class 2: Harry	Class 8: Grace
Class 3: Cian	Class 9: Eva
Class 4: Ivy	Class 10: Lewis
Class 5: Freddie	Class 11: Jack and Frank C
Class 6: Anton and Daisy	Class 12: Louise

Times Table Rock Stars

We are delighted to let you know that 'Times Tables Rock Stars' is back!

Following the success of using TTRS during our period of online learning, we have renewed our subscription and are ready to go! All login details are the same as before. If you cannot remember them, please ask your child's teacher for a reminder!



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Reminders and Updates

School Uniform

For health and safety reasons, no jewellery is permitted in school, including stud earrings, and fashion accessories such as nail varnish, hair braids and hair gel/cream are not allowed.

Long hair must be tied back and hair slides/ties must be in school colours.

No extreme hair styles, e.g. shaved tramlines.

Black shoes. *Shoes need to be comfortable, with sensible heels to avoid accidents. No fashion footwear, light up shoes or trainers please.*

White t-shirts must not have logos on them except for the school logo.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 6 - Kingswood School Journey

Please make sure all medicines, tablets, etc. required for Kingswood are handed into the school office on **Monday 14th June**. These should be placed in a labelled container, clearly marked with the child's name, precise dosage, instructions and the original packaging (including the pharmacy label where relevant).

Money for visiting the shop at the Kingswood Centre should be put in a named envelope and handed into the class teachers during the week beginning 14th June and no later than **Thursday 17th June**.

School Lunches

If you are sending a packed lunch in with your child, please could you check to make sure any school lunches you have pre-booked on School Gateway have been cancelled.

Where these are not cancelled you will still be charged.

Toys and Games in School

Please do not send your child into school with anything more than they have been asked to bring into school, i.e. reading books, reading record, etc. We are increasingly seeing toys, games, cuddly toys, etc. being brought in, particularly within KS1. Thank you for your co-operation.

Northgate School Association

Father's Day Online Shop

The PTA will be running a Father's Day shop again this year and, like the Mother's Day shop, it will be online. The children should have heard about the three gift options available from their class teachers. Orders can be placed online via the link below and gifts will be distributed to the children by the end of next week so that they have them in time for Father's Day (Sunday 20th June). They will need to remember which option, **1, 2 or 3**, they wish to purchase as this is how they are described online so that Dads can't see what they're getting! All purchases online need to be made **by the end of Tuesday 15th June**.

The link to the shop is: [Father's Day 2021 - Virtual Shop at Online event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Please ensure you include your child's name and select their class when prompted when making your purchase. The nursery children will be able to buy their gifts in their classroom from a different selection of pre-wrapped items, and therefore you do not need to purchase a gift from a nursery child online. Please instead send your nursery child to school next week with £3 in cash if they wish to make a purchase.

Thanks for your support of PTA events.