

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

September 13th 2019

Headteacher's News

We hope that you found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions informative and we look forward to meeting the Foundation parents next week. If your child is in KS1 or KS2, you should have received a hard copy termly letter which provides key information for the year group. Please ask if you have not received it. At the start of the day next Tuesday, you are welcome to attend a coffee session where you can meet Mrs Wallace, our new SENCo.

Each year there is a series of National Tests which give parents the opportunity to see how your child's performance compares to other children nationally. It is very important that your child is in school at these times and in the weeks running up to the assessments so please do not book holidays around the test dates. Many thanks.

Yr 1 Phonics Week - 8th to 12th June 2020

Yr 2 SATs Week - May 2020

Y4 Times Tables Tests - 8th June to 26th June 2020

Y6 SATs Week - 11th to 15th May 2020

Each half term we have an assembly theme which is based on a particular value. This half term our value is 'Respect' and we have started by considering how we can show respect in school. Our half term Learning Power is 'Teamwork Tiger' and we have discussed aspects of being a good team player, such as listening and being prepared to compromise. If your child comes home with a sticker, see if they can explain what skills they used to be a Teamwork Tiger.

Have a lovely weekend!

Enriching the Curriculum

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Year 4 had a wonderful time at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Monday afternoon. They took part in lots of party games and had a tea party in the dining hall. This was a great start to our new topic of Potions. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.



If you have an unwanted copy of Fantastic Mr Fox we would be grateful if you could send it into school for our Year 3's to use. Thank you!

Important Dates

Mon 16th Sep	2.45pm Rec Meet the Teacher
Tues 17th Sep	9.00 to 9.30am Coffee with SENCo
Wed 18th Sep	11.15am Nursery Meet the Teacher
	2.45pm Nursery Meet the Teacher
Wed 25th Sep	9.00am LKS2 Reading with Parents
Thurs 26th Sep	9.00am UKS2 Reading with Parents
Fri 27th Sep	9.00am KS1 Reading with Parents
Thurs 3rd Oct	9.00am KS1 Harvest Assembly
Friday 4th Oct	9.00am Reception Harvest Assembly
Mon 7th Oct	Individual Photos
Tues 15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Thurs 17th Oct	6.45pm-8.00pm Y5/6 Parent Info Eve
Mon 21st Oct	2.45pm Yr 4 Times Table Meeting
Tues 22nd Oct	2.45pm Yr 5 Work Sharing
Weds 23rd Oct	9am Yr 1 Phonics Workshop
Fri 25th Oct	Yr 5 Duxford Trip
28th Oct-1st Nov	Half Term
Mon 4th Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 5th Nov	Yr2 Pirate Day
5th-8th Nov	Well-being Week
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks
Tues 12th Nov	Parent Consultations
Wed 13th Nov	Parent Consultations
Weds 20th Nov	2.45pm Yr 2 Phonics/Spelling Workshop
Weds 27th Nov	2.45pm Yr 6 Work Sharing
Fri 29th Nov	Occasional Day
Tues 3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection
Mon 9th Dec	2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing
Weds 11th Dec	2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thurs 12th Dec	2.45pm REC Work Sharing
Mon 16th Dec	2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Weds 18th Dec	2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Weds 18th Dec	KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip
Thurs 19th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 6th Jan	Children Return to School
17th-21st Feb	Half Term

Safeguarding

We had a very successful fire drill this week. Please can we ask that if you are volunteering with us during the school day, either for guided reading or assisting in the classroom, that you make sure you sign out. If you don't our system thinks you are still in the building. Thank you.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, old and new, who attended one of our safeguarding sessions this week. If you would like to come into school to help but haven't been able to attend one of our sessions, could you please email Admin to let us know.

Enriching the Curriculum - PE

New PE Teacher

My name is Katie Pursglove and I am extremely excited to be joining the team at Northgate as the new PE teacher. I have worked with children and young people teaching sport for over 13 years.

I have played competitive netball for most of my life and enjoy playing many other individual and team sports. I want to utilise my experience and knowledge to ensure that all pupils at Northgate have a positive experience in PE.

Having grown up in Bishop's Stortford I know that it is a town full of sporting opportunities for young people and I am a strong believer that sport is a huge part of a child's growth and development. I look forward to increasing the opportunities for Northgate pupils in PE and sport and to raising the sporting profile of the school.

If you would like to get involved we are currently looking for willing parents and guardians to volunteer to attend fixtures during and after school hours or assisting/running extra curriculum sports clubs. If this may interest you please contact me on Katie.pursglove@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Football Fixture—Bishop's Stortford College vs Northgate

This week we took three football teams to Bishop's Stortford College for our first matches of the season. The standard of football was excellent, with every player working hard for their team and displaying great sportsmanship throughout.

Our Bronze team battled hard in a tight and exciting match, but unfortunately lost the match 1-3. Our Silver team came up against a strong College side and had a very tricky first half in their match, conceding quite a few goals. However they rallied at half time and showed great resilience and determination. Unfortunately they narrowly lost the second half 3-5, but deserve great credit for their performance.

Our Gold team looked like a group of players who had been playing together for years. They were quick to the ball, sharp with their passing and robust in their tackling. Their hard great teamwork was rewarded with a dominant win. Overall it was a lovely afternoon and great to have so many parents and family members join us with their support. **R Dunn**

School Association

Association News

We have fixed a date for our AGM. We invite all parents and teaching staff to attend on Monday 21st October at 7:30pm in the school to hear about our events and achievements of the last year, our plans for this year and to welcome new trustees and say thank you to those stepping down.

One of our key events is our almost legendary Fireworks Night on Friday 8th November. Tickets will be available to purchase online and we will let you know all the details very soon!

Also coming up, we have a Happy School Bags collection on Tuesday 15th October. Children will be sent home with a bag for you to fill with unwanted clothing, linen and accessories which will be recycled AND raise money for the PTA. So have a sort out and feel warm and fuzzy about being both charitable and green!! Full bags can be left in the bike shelter the day before collection or before 9am on the day of collection.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM:	R1: Joshua
PM:	R2: Daisy

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their excellent attitude to learning and giving 100% to everything they do.

Well done to:

Class 1: Dylan	Class 6: Emily
Class 2: Bohuslava	Class 7: Aleyna
Class 3: George	Class 8: Evie
Class 4: Freddie	Class 9: Jessica
Class 5: Ivan	Class 10: Henry
Class 11: Ella	Class 12: Amber

The winners of our Learner of the Week certificates were:

Key Stage 1: Amanda - Class 1, Rose - Class 4

Key Stage 2: Phoebe - Class 6, Jack - Class 8, Sam - Class 9 and Charlie - Class 11

Reminders and Updates

Healthy Snacks

Please make sure your children's snacks are healthy. Crisps, biscuits and items containing chocolate are not allowed. If these items are found, they will be returned home at the end of the day.

House Captains

Well done to the following children who were voted in for the roles of House Captain and Vice House Captain:

Captains

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
Samuel F	Sam E	Thomas W	Fin
Isabella	Gracie	Isabelle	Daisy

Vice-Captains

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
Harry N	Ewan	Sam A	Harry W
Amelia	Honor	Charlie	Evangelene

Community News

Friday September 20th is Global Climate Strike Day when millions of people across the world will be going on strike for more action on climate change. In Bishop's Stortford, the Herts branch of the UK Student Climate Network is organising a demonstration outside the town council offices on Windhill at 3:30pm, then moving to the Market Square. Do come and support the young people of Stortford in highlighting this critical issue and calling for change. Everyone welcome. **L Tennekoon**