

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

July 14th 2023

Headteacher News

We hope your child enjoyed meeting their new teacher this week. Parents will have the opportunity to meet them at 'Meet the Teacher'. Please see the Important Dates list to find out the timings of these.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who have regularly given up their time this year to benefit the children's education by inviting them to a Volunteers Coffee Morning - next Tuesday 18th July at 9:00am. We hope you can make it!

A huge congratulations to all our Year 6 children who did extremely well in their end of Key Stage assessments. We had 85 % achieve age related expectation (ARE) in both reading and maths. This fantastic result is a reflection of the hard work and positive learning attitude Year 6 have shown throughout the year. We are extremely proud of them all!

Next week is our last week, still with lots of exciting activities planned including Art day and Northgate's got Talent. We will finish at 2pm on Thursday 20th July.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.

Enriching the curriculum

During the children's work sharing this week, parents got to look through their English, maths, science and topic books. There was plenty of maths games to play such as hit the button, multiplication battleships, multiplication partner race, Yahtzee, a quick recall addition and subtraction exercise and Mr Dunn taught children and parents the 17 times table. Maths games are a great way to help strengthen essential maths skills. Thank you to all the parents who came; the children really enjoyed your involvement.



Important Dates

w/c 17th July
Mon 17th July
Tues 18th July
Tues 18th July
Wed 19th July
Wed 19th July
Thurs 20th July
Thurs 20th July
Thurs 31st August
Fri 1st Sept
Mon 4th Sept
Wed 6th Sept
Thurs 7th Sept
Fri 8th Sept
Mon 11th Sept
Tues 12th Sept
Wed 13th Sept
Tues 19th Sept
Wed 20th Sept
Wed 27th Sept
Tues 3rd Oct
Wed 4th Oct
Tues 10th Oct
Tues 10th Oct
Wed 11th Oct
Wed 11th Oct
Mon 16th Oct
Tues 17th Oct
Wed 18th Oct
Thurs 19th Oct
Frid 20th Oct
23rd-27th Oct
Tues 31st Oct
Fri 3rd Nov

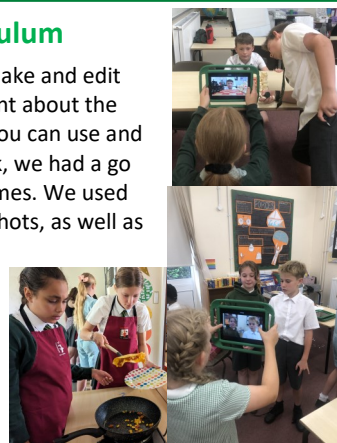
PTA Ice cream sales
Art day
Take over day
9am Volunteer coffee morning
9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Northgate's got talent
Break the rules day
End of Term at 2:00pm
Inset day
Inset day
Children return to school
9am Y2 meet the teacher
2.45pm Y3 meet the teacher
2.45pm Y6 meet the teacher
2.45pm Y4 meet the teacher
9am Y5 meet the teacher
9am Y1 meet the teacher
2.45pm Reception meet the teacher
11am & 2.45pm Nursery meet the teacher
9am Y1 Phonics workshop for parents
9am Reception Phonics workshop (parents)
2.45pm Y3/4 timetables workshop (parents)
9am KS1 Harvest assembly (parents in)
9.20am Supporting learning Y2 workshop parents
9am Reception Harvest assembly (parents in)
6.30pm - 7.45pm Y5/6 Parent information evening
9.05am KS1 Reading with parents
9.05am LKS2 Reading with parents
9.05am UKS2 Reading with parents
9.05am EYFS Reading with parents
RE Day
Half term
Inset day
PTA fireworks

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Enriching the curriculum

Year 5 have been learning how to make and edit videos in computing. "We have learnt about the different camera shots and angles you can use and why you would use them. This week, we had a go at filming videos about different games. We used close up shots, high and low angle shots, as well as mid and long range shots!"

As part of their Mexico topic, **Year 6** this week made Quesadillas, a Mexican dish consisting of tortillas filled primarily with cheese, and sometimes meats, spices, and other fillings, and then cooked on a griddle or stove. The classes loved cooking their own.



Safeguarding

Contact Details In case of an emergency

Moving house? Changed your mobile number/email address? Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details on file. A form is available on the school website for you to update your details and to inform us of any changes. Many thanks.



Reminders and Updates

Break the Rules Day

Please remember this is a fundraising activity to raise money for the school. Every rule broken costs 50 pence. See poster attached.

Guided reading

There is no guided reading next week. Thank you to all the parents who have supported with this over the year. It has made a big difference to the children. We have our Volunteers' Coffee Morning on Tuesday morning at 9:00am.

Library Books

Please return all library books ASAP. As you know, books are very expensive and unfortunately, due to the number lost or damaged last year, we will ask for a £5.00 donation towards any unreturned books. We currently have **105** books missing so please make sure your child has a good look for any that may still need returning to school.

Dinner money

Please ensure that all dinner debts are cleared at the end of the term. Any credits will be forwarded on to next year.

Earrings

It is Northgate's policy that earrings **must not be worn** in school. If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, we suggest they have them pierced early in the summer holidays. To help ensure they are ready to remove earrings for the start of the autumn term, we are allowing children to come into school with newly pierced covered earrings on next week. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Lost Property

We have received many new items of lost property. If you have lost anything please go to the school office. All lost property will be removed from the boxes in the main reception area at the end of term and will be sent to a charity shop.

Holiday Food Bank

Thanks again for your generous donations. We will continue collecting for the food bank until the end of term. Please drop off any donations to the box in the foyer by the office

Pupil premium

If you claim any benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and other funding to help cover the cost of trips, and any additional interventions your child may require. If you think you may be entitled to this, please apply directly and confidentially via the following link: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or speak to the school office/Mrs Ferdinand who will be able to assist you with the application.

Celebration of Achievements



This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Sienna– Rae & Jane

R1: Olivia R2: Erin

This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on "Art" Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: their growing confidence and enthusiasm in art, artistic skills, and for attention to detail

Class 1 Wren Class 7: Ellie

Class 2: Maya Class 8: Elise

Class 3: Denise Class 9: Albie

Class 4: Thomas Class 10: Holly

Class 5: Aurora Class 11: Maya

Class 6: Daisy Class 12: Euan

House Cup Winners 2022/23

Congratulations to the 'Normans' who are the . Their prize, chosen by the school council is a **non uniform day on Monday 17th July**. The Scores were: Normans: 10,045, Romans: 9,367, Vikings: 9,210, Saxons: 8,271.

Northgate School Association

Ice Cream Sales

We're hoping that the weather will be kind to us next week when we will be holding our annual ice cream sale at pick up on Tuesday 18th July and/ Wednesday 19th July. We will have a variety of ice creams and lollies.

Break the Rules Day

We have our Break the Rules Day on Thursday 20th July (the last day of term). For every rule you break, please give a 50p donation. Please see attached our Break the Rules poster for further details of the allowed rules to be broken. Have lots of fun being a little bit naughty!

Thank you!

A massive thank you for all your support of the PTA this year. What an amazing 12 months we've had especially with the added difficulties of the cost of living crisis and a lack of sponsorship! As a team we have been able to run a number of fantastic events for the kids and our wider community raising large sums of money for our school.

In the last 12 months, we have raised money for the following projects: £10,000 Music Room Contribution, School Enrichment Weeks (£1,000 each) , £2,500 worth of books , £1,500 Art Solutions, KS2 Pantomime and Refreshments, EYFS and KS1 Pantomime/Christmas Activity, Sports and Play Equipment, Ducklings and Caterpillars, Christmas dinner crackers and squash, Musical instruments, Year 6 Leavers Photo Booth.

What a difference we have all made, thank you! Without the PTA, the school wouldn't be able to provide these additional resources to our children. THANK YOU!

PTA events are fun; we ensure that they are! We would love to welcome any parent/carer to the team to help and support us.

A huge thank you to Susan Tidman and Jacqueline Dearnley who have been tremendous PTA team members for a number of years and who will be stepping down from the PTA next week. Jo Parrott has also decided to step down from the role of PTA Co-Chair but will remain a trustee and member of the PTA committee. Thank you!

Our first event next academic year will be our Fireworks Night on 3rd November, so please put the date in your diary and come and join us! Details and tickets will be available in the new academic year, but it is always a fun night for kids and adults!

Hope you have the most amazing summer.

Your PTA Co-Chairs: Geri Wren and Jo Parrott

School Meals: Please note that the new school dinner Menu for next year is available to view on School Gridd.