

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

May 3rd 2019

## Headteacher's News

It was great to see so many parents for our workshops this week. We hope you found them beneficial. I believe many of you were impressed with how the children were rising to the current high expectations of the English curriculum. If you found the sessions useful and would like us to repeat them next year, or not so useful let us know on our [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk). If you did not manage to join us, our key messages were stressing that children cannot be successful writers if they cannot articulate their ideas first so encourage them to do to do lots of talking, particularly in full sentences. Also children need to build up a large vocabulary to be successful readers and writers. Our thoughts go to Mrs Reed, who is still off sick. We wish her well and a speedy recovery. She is greatly missed and her pastoral work this half term is being covered by a number of our current TAs. I hope you enjoy the long weekend.

## SUMMER FUNDRAISING BALL

Our Summer Ball planning team are working hard to ensure our Ball this year is going to be a fantastic event. **If you haven't got a ticket yet, there's still time!** Our organising team will be popping up in the playground periodically, starting from this afternoon, with full details of what the ball has in store for us and will be able to answer any questions you have about the event. They will also be armed with our trusty card reader so that you can buy a ticket or pay your balance easily by credit or debit card. THANK YOU to everyone who has paid a deposit for their Summer Ball ticket. It is now time to pay the balance and then we can really look forward to this fantastic evening! All balances must be paid in full by 17th May.

To whet your appetite, here are some of the exciting items that will be available in our auction on the night....

**A signed Harry Kane football shirt**

**A Jamie Oliver cooking experience**

**Tottenham tickets x 2**

**Arsenal tickets x 4**

**Private cinema experience for 8 people**

**Northgate car park parking space for 1 year for drop off and pick up**

**Northgate VIP package to include front row seats at all shows and sports day for 1 year and a family fireworks night ticket**

We will also be running a **raffle** where once again our top prize is **£500 of Center Parcs vouchers!!** There are many other prizes to be won.

If you are unable to come to the ball, you won't miss out on these fantastic prizes! We will be sending home raffle tickets with every child so you can still enter the raffle, together with details of how to place a blind bid for an auction item prior to the night.

For the ladies, we are also delighted that Victoria from **Friends Dress Agency** in North Street has kindly offered a **10% discount** on ball dresses for anyone attending our Summer Ball. Vouchers will be available to the lead of each table to distribute. Please present this when buying your dress from Friends Dress Agency.

There will also be a chance for **2 lucky ticket holders to win their ticket price back** on the night thanks to a generous parent's donation. There really is a lot going on!

It is a huge undertaking to put on this event so we really appreciate your support.

## Important Dates

### Mon 6th May

Thurs 9th May

13th - 16th May

Fri 17th May

Wed 22nd May

Thurs 23rd May

Half term

Mon 3rd June

Tues 4th June

4th - 8th June

Wed 5th June

Sat 8th June

10th—14th June

12th June

Fri 21st June

26th June

Fri 5th July

8th - 12th July

9.00am

Mon 8th July

Wed 10th July

Thurs 11th July

Fri 12th July

11th July

15th - 19th July

Tues 16th July

Thurs 18th July

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

Wed 24th July

### Bank Holiday

**2.15pm** Yr 5 Instrumental Concert

Year 6 SATs Week

**2.15pm** Yr 4 Instrumental Concert

Yr 6 Crucial Crew

**2.15pm** Yr 3 Instrumental Concert

27th - 31st May 2019

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

International Week

**Class Photos including Year 6 Leavers**

Association Summer Ball

Year 6 School Journey

**Primary Music Day**

Yr 2 Music Festival

Happy School Bag Collection

Sports Day

**Science Week**

**Science Activities with Parents:**

KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)

UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)

EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)

Move Up Morning

Yr 6 Bikeability

Art Day

Takeover Day

9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Occasional Day

Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep INSET DAYS

**Wed 4th Sep**

15th Oct

3rd Dec

**Children Return to School**

Happy School Bag Collection

Happy School Bag Collection

Mon 1st Jun 2020 INSET DAY

**\*Red = New Item**

## Safeguarding

To keep children safe we need adults to sign in at the school office when they come into school. This is why parents are not allowed around the back of the school in the morning. After school, if you cannot catch the teacher on the playground, please **DO NOT** enter the school by the back doors but go to the school office.

## Enriching the Curriculum

Several of our students participated in the **Rotary Young Musician of the Year Competition** last Saturday, in the Junior Piano Class. Well done to Noah (Class 5), Bede (Class 8), Koko (Class 11) and Eva (Class 12) for participating and developing their performance skills. Congratulations to Koko who also won the Junior Strings Class and performed in the concert of winners on Saturday evening.

Bishop's Stortford Sinfonia is running an orchestral summer school on 14th-17th August for students aged 10 and above who have achieved at least grade 3. For further information, contact [outreach@bishopsstortfordsinfonia.com](mailto:outreach@bishopsstortfordsinfonia.com)

A Primary Music Day will take place at Birchwood School on Wednesday 12th June. This event is run by Hertfordshire Music Service and enables Key Stage 2 students learning an orchestral instrument (of grade 1 standard and above) to play with musicians from other local primary schools. A letter with further details will be sent home in due course.

### Football

Last Friday, 26th April Northgate played in a football tournament hosted by Howe Green. Eight teams competed but unluckily Northgate lost against their big rivals St Josephs in the finals. We lost 2-0 on penalties...**Huey** and **Fraser** (class 11)

## Reminders and Updates

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

It's time to stock up on some uniform! We are holding a second hand uniform sale next Tuesday after school, by the side gate in the Foundation outside area, so if you are in need of summer dresses/shorts/ties/book bags... we have plenty to go!

### Lost Property

There are lots of un-named items, mainly jumpers and coats, as well as several watches and pairs of glasses.

If you have lost any of the above please take a look or ask at the office. It is disposed off at the end of each month.

Your child will come home with a leaflet from Stikins. Their labels can be used to label anything from clothing, shoes and school bags to snack pots, water bottles and pencil cases. The name labels are easy to use stickers that are waterproof and hard wearing and make labelling your child's possessions quick and easy.

You can order using the order form sent home with the samples or, more conveniently, order online at:

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/?NAME-LABELS=14587>

As an added bonus, our PTA receives commission for every pack of name labels purchased. Just make sure you use our fundraising number **14587** when ordering. Cut down on lost property and help us raise cash for resources... win, win!

### Passing on Good Literature

If there are any children (especially Years 5 and 6) who wish to donate high quality reading books to be used in the classroom libraries to encourage other children to read, we would very much appreciate it. Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Alexis	R1: Tessa
	PM: George W	R2: Vito

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Reading.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for working hard to improve their skills, particularly answering questions relating to the text.

Well done to:

Class 1: Olivia	Class 7: Fraser
Class 2: Toby	Class 8: Josh
Class 3: Gabby	Class 9: Evie
Class 4: Ivan	Class 10: Sophie Belle
Class 5: Molly	Class 11: Priya
Class 6: Jude	Class 12: Harry

## SEND

Aspects are offering the following workshops:

- **Parenting a Child with Anxiety** - 9.30am Thursday, 9th May at Summercroft Primary School
- **Mental Health and Young People** - 7.15pm Thursday, 9th May at the St Barnabas Centre
- **Managing Anger & Conflict in the Family** - 9.30am Friday, 10th May at Summercroft Primary School
- **Moving on to Year 7** - 7.00pm Monday, 10th June at Summercroft Primary School

For further information and to book a place on any of the above, please see the attached flyers.

## Community

### Road Closures

As printed in this week's Bishop's Stortford Independent newspaper, "Herts County Council wants to issue orders to close Cricketfield Lane from its junction with Elm Road to its junction with Barrells Down Road. Traffic will be diverted. A 72m section of Barrells Down Road, north of No 74, will also be shut, with an alternative route via Rye Street and Lindsey Road.

The orders are set to come into force on 27th May and work will be carried out any time in the following 18 months."

### Bluebell Mini Photo Shoot

Meryl Herniman, a parent at Northgate who regularly volunteers to take photos for us in school, is running a bluebell mini photoshoot on Monday, 6th May. Please see the attached flyer for further information and contact details.