

December 9th 2022

Headteacher's News

Christmas is a time of joy and that was shared by Reception when they performed their version of the Christmas Story on Wednesday. The children displayed an impressive range of skills with their singing, dancing and narrating in their production of 'A Bundle of joy'. We were really proud of them! Many thanks to all the parents for their support, particularly with supplying costumes, and to our fantastic Foundation Stage staff who put the production together.

Well done to our Year 6 choir who performed with other local schools at St Michael's Church on Monday. It was a magical evening with our choir singing beautifully.

There are still lots more festive activities so please check dates and emails regularly.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Christmas Film Night last Friday to raise money for the school.

It is with great sadness that I wish to inform you that one of our ex members of staff, and a parent of the school Mrs Newman passed away this week. She was an exceptionally kind and caring person and I know she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this very sad time.

Enriching the Curriculum

Reception - 'A bundle of Joy'.

We had amazing fun performing our Nativity play, 'A Bundle of Joy' to our parents. All our hard work paid off with beautiful singing and amazing acting. Our narrators worked super hard learning all their lines and everyone wowed their parents with their enthusiasm.



Y6 - Visiting Magistrate

On Wednesday 7th of December Elaine Terry a local Magistrate came into our school to visit Year 6. She explained what her job was like. She spoke about all the different crimes that she has to deal with at the Magistrate Court and which crimes are sent up to the Crown Court. We all got to take part in an activity where we pretended to be Magistrates and discussed different examples of crimes.

By Santa Class 11

Nursery - Craft day

This week the children in Nursery had a wonderful time creating stained glass window lanterns, snowmen, decorating biscuits, designing Christmas tree decorations and making bags of reindeer food for Christmas eve.



Important Dates

Mon 12th Dec	1.00pm—2.00pm Nursery and Reception Entertainer.
Tue 13th Dec	2.30pm & 5.30pm KS1 Christmas production
Tues 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	R & KS1 Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Dec	11.00am & 2.30pm Nursey sing song
Wed 14th Dec	1.30pm Hurricane production "Dick Wittington"
Wed 14th Dec	KS1 Siblings of KS2 children at the South Mills Pantomime can finish school from 3.00pm.
Wed 14th Dec	KS2 Pantomime South Mills "Jack and the Bean Stalk" (pick up from South Mills. You may pick KS1 children slightly earlier, more details to follow)
	Year 3—3.30pm
	Year 4—3.35pm
	Year 5—3.40pm
	Year 6—3.45pm
Fri 16th Dec	Christmas Jumper day.
Fri 16th Dec	Last day of Nursery before Christmas
Tues 20th Dec	9.00am Volunteer coffee morning
Tues 20th Dec	Northgate's Got Talent
Tues 20th Dec church	KS2 St Michael's church carol service 2pm (pick up from at 3pm)
Wed 21st Dec	Break the Rules Day
Wed 21st Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Thurs 5th Jan	INSET DAY
Fri 6th Jan	R—Y6 return to school after Christmas break
Mon 9th Jan	Nursery return after Christmas break
13th-17th Feb	Half term
Wed 3rd March	Happy Bag collection
Fri 31st March	End of term at 2.00pm
Mon 17th April	Children return to school
May 2023	Y2 SATs Week
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Mon 8th May	The Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
9th-12th May	Y6 SATs Week
29th-2nd June	Half term
Mon 5th June	INSET DAY
Tues 13th June	Happy Bag collection
12th -16th June	Y1 Phonics Week - (plus Y2 phonic catch ups)
12th -23th June	Y4 Times Tables Tests
Thurs 20th July	End of Term at 2.00pm

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Online Safety

Please find attached [here](#) the autumn parent and carer Online Safety Newsletter from Herts For Learning Education.

There you will find new advice from the NSPCC regarding talking to your children about online abuse. There is also guidance about online grooming, gaming communities and live streaming.



SAFEGUARDING

Bishops Stortford Food Bank

Families facing a cold and hungry Christmas have been urged to turn to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. The charity based at the Methodist Church in South Street has been boosted by record-breaking donations as the festive season approaches and is eager to support all those in need as the cost-of-living crisis bites. Do you need help? Do you want to support? To find out more, email enquiries@bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com or visit the food bank's website at <https://www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com>.



Reminders and Updates

Tuesday 13th December KS1 Christmas production 2.30pm and 5.30pm
Tickets will come home with the children today.

Tuesday 13th December: KS2 Christmas lunch - Important Information
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having their Christmas lunch. Meals must be booked in advance on School Grid. **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need a packed lunch from home on this day as there will be no school lunch option available.**

Wednesday 14th December: Reception and KS1 Christmas lunch - Important Information
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Christmas lunch. Meals must be booked in advance on School Grid. **Years 3-6 will need a packed lunch from home on this day as there will be no school lunch option available.** Please can you ensure the lunch is in a recyclable disposal container due to the fact that they are going to South Mills Arts for the pantomime in the afternoon and the children will not be taking their school bags, please leave them at home that day.

Wednesday 14th December: Key Stage 2 - Panto— Pickup from South Mills

Our KS2 children will be walking to the South Mills Theatre on Wednesday afternoon to watch 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'. Pick up from inside the theatre for year groups is as follows:

Year 3—3.30pm
Year 4—3.35pm
Year 5—3.40pm
Year 6—3.45pm



Odd number classes are to be collected at the back entrance and even number classes at the side door.

Please note siblings in KS1 can be picked up from school from 3.00pm to help with collecting KS2 children from South Mills.

Friday 16th December: Fundraising Christmas jumper day

Northgate Christmas Jumper Day this year we will be supporting the Isabel Hospice. Pupils and staff can choose to wear a Christmas jumper in stead of a school jumper and a tie. The rest of the school uniform must still be worn as usual.

We will be suggesting a donation of £1 which will be collected in class on the day and we look forward to seeing both staff and children in their festive wear!

Friday 16th December: End of term for Nursery 3.25pm

Tuesday 20th December: Carol Service at St Michael's Church

Our KS2 children will be walking to St Michael's Church on Tuesday afternoon for the Christmas carol service. If you would like to join us, please arrive at 1.50pm and the service will start at 2pm. Due to space restrictions and current fire regulations, we request that only one parent attends for children in Years 3, 4 and 5. Two parents are welcome for Year 6 children as this will be their last carol service.

All KS2 children need to be picked up at the church at 3pm. Please inform the class teacher who your child will be collected by, if you are unable to pick up. If there is a last minute change to pick up on the day, please email admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk. KS1 teachers will hang on to children if parents are running slightly late from picking up siblings from church. If your child is in Night Owls after school, provision will be made for the children to be walked back to school at the end of the service. Please note that there will be a collection at the end of the service.

Wednesday 21st December: Break the rules day

This is a fund raising event for the school where the children can break given schools rules for 50p each. Please see the flyer attached.

School will close at 2pm on Wednesday. Night owls will run from 2pm and close at 6.30pm as usual.

Uniform

As a school we expect children to be in smart uniform at all times. Please note that children attending the church carol service on Tuesday 20th December should all be wearing a school jumper and **NOT** a fleece or a hoodie.

Don't forget!

As stated above children will need a home made packed lunch next week on the day they do not have Christmas dinner. KS2 need to have a home made packed lunch in a recyclable disposal container on Wednesday 14th December. Please ensure all KS2 Christmas dinners are paid for on School gateway as soon as possible. Thank you.



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Henry and William

R1: The Whole Class! R2: Zorawar



This week our 'Learners of the Week' focused on showing resilience. This is also our learning power this half term resilient rhino.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: Showing resilience when faced with activities that are more challenging and not giving up, always being so positive when given constructive feedback and for doing really well in their assessments, for never giving up or losing confidence when an activity first seems difficult, for progress and effort in their maths work using mental maths skills, independently choosing to work really hard in English and achieving all their learning intentions, working more independently and increasing their confidence in reading aloud. Showing resilience in their writing by checking and improving their work and after being off poorly and missing English lessons, still producing a lovely piece of independent writing!

Class 1: Matilda	Class 7: James
Class 2: Georgia	Class 8: Bea
Class 3: Owen	Class 9: Tarsin
Class 4: Florence	Class 10: Eden
Class 5: Isabella	Class 11: Amelie
Class 6: Lilian	Class 12: Eshaal

Northgate School Association

Break the Rules Day

Our Break the Rules Day is taking place on Wednesday 21st December. 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!

Christmas Dinner and Fun

We hope all the children enjoy their Christmas dinner next week especially pulling the crackers! The PTA have funded all the table accessories and squash.

The PTA has also funded the KS2 trip to South Mill Arts to see the pantomime. The kids will be greeted with biscuits all funded by the PTA.

In addition, EYFS and KS1 have performers coming into school for their special Christmas treat. All funded by the PTA too.

Russell Property Christmas Card Competition

Please remember a selection of entries to the Russell Property Christmas Card competition is available in their window on North Street and on their Instagram page https://www.instagram.com/russell_property?r=nametag
So many lovely designs!

PTA Calendar

Photography competition!

Our December theme is WINTER WONDERLAND. Winners to be published in the Northgate PTA Academic Calendar 2023/24.

Please email entries by 1st January to: calendar@northgatepta.com

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs
Gerri Wren and Jo Parrott

Uniform orders before Christmas

Fosters Schoolwear have confirmed that the last day for ordering school uniform will be Sunday 11th December. Due to Parcel Force and Royal Mail striking again at the end of next week all deliveries will be leaving them on Monday 12th December so delivery is made in plenty of time before the school closes.

