

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

September 25th 2020

Headteacher's News

We look forward to our Harvest Assembly which will be held on Google Classrooms next week. Please bring donations in on Wednesday for the Food Bank. We want to encourage our children to think of others, particularly in these challenging times for many people, and to understand that each small gift, combined as a whole school, can make a significant difference. Donations will also be taken for the Herts Hogline. Please see more details below.

We are moving towards uploading home learning onto Google Classrooms. Your children, if they have not already done so, should be bringing home their login details (Years 2-6 this week). Please do encourage your child to login so they can access their weekly homework and to access their work if a 'bubble' was sent into self isolation following a positive case of Coronavirus. We hope you find this platform easier to use than eschools and that it offers more options to improve our home learning if it is needed. If you experience any problems, please let us know.

All the children are currently eating packed lunches as there is not sufficient time for all children to eat in the dining room with the current guidelines in place and within our lunch period. We are currently trialling different options and are meeting with HCL to find a suitable solution for our school so at least some year groups each week can return to hot meals.

Have a great weekend.

Harvest Festival 2020

This year we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with the topic Harvest Around the World. We will be collecting one item per child for the **Food Bank** again this year and our school collection date is

Wednesday 30th September.

The Food Bank are in need of:

- ◆ Tinned fruit
- ◆ Instant Mash
- ◆ Jam, Marmite and Peanut Butter
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Shower Gel
- ◆ Shaving Foam
- ◆ Washing Powder/Pods
- ◆ Treats such as chocolate biscuits and multi-bags of crisps



If you would like to donate, please send your child in with their item to their classroom.

Herts Hogline

In addition to the Harvest food collection, we will also be collecting sachets of cat food (non-fishy) for a local hedgehog charity. If you would like to support this cause, please drop a sachet of cat food in the box which will be situated outside the school office.

Thank you.

Important Dates - 2020/21

Weds 30th Sept	Harvest/Donations to Food Bank
Thurs 15th Oct	Parent information videos released
Weds 21st Oct	School Photographs
	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 23rd Oct	Black History Day
26th - 30th Oct	October Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET DAY
3rd - 6th Nov	Wellbeing Week
Tues 10th Nov	Parent Consultations
Weds 11th Nov	Parent Consultations
Weds 16th Dec	School virtual Christmas videos released
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 4th Jan	Children Return to School
15th-19th Feb	February Half Term
Fri 26th March	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 12th Apr	Children Return to School
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
31st May-4th Jun	May Half Term
Mon 7th June	INSET DAY
Thurs 22nd July	End of Term at 2.00pm

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
Erin	Honey	Casey	Ruby B
Jared	Will C	James M	Lars

Vice-Captains

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
Evie	Lucy C	Sophie	Eric
Harry	Beck	Dinon	Sam

Early Years School Council

Well done to the following Reception children who have been elected to the **School Council and Eco Committee**.

R1: Bea & Benedict (SC) and Shay (Eco)

R2: Oliver & Florence (SC) and Iris (Eco)

Safeguarding

Keeping Main and Pedestrian Gates Clear

Please do not stop and gather at the school entrance or in the playground, in order to allow the flow of pedestrians to be socially distanced as much as possible. Before school, if you are waiting with children to go through the main gates before they are allowed into school, you may wait in the preschool playground where there is more space. We have had complaints from parents who are unable to socially distance and feel unsafe during the current situation.

Dogs should be kept on a short lead and not tied to the railings near gate entry/exit points. Thank you.

Displays Around School

Over the summer our teachers have been working hard to create beautiful displays for the school. The displays represent our Learning Powers which we will focus on in school each half term. This half term we are working on **Resilient Rhino**. Some of our other Learning Powers are:

Teamwork Tiger

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More



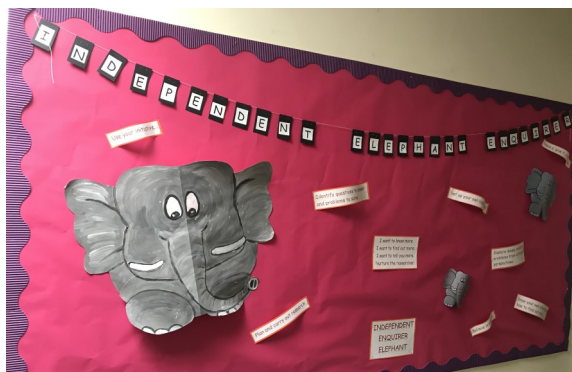
Creative Thinking Chameleon

- ◆ Confidence
- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Concentration



Independent Enquirer Elephant

- ◆ Want to know more
- ◆ Find out more
- ◆ Tell you more



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Mia R1: Charlie
PM: Toby R2: Mya

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for clear explanations and good listening skills.

Well done to:

Class 1: Zakariya	Class 7: Harry
Class 2: Oscar	Class 8: Jasper
Class 3: Orla	Class 9: Martha
Class 4: Finley	Class 10: Charlie T
Class 5: Monty	Class 11: Imogen L and Kaysan
Class 6: Oscar	Class 12: Eric and Megan

Reminders and Updates

Medical Appointments

If your child has to attend a medical appointment during school hours please complete the online absence request form on the home page of the school website as soon as the appointment is made, and email a copy of the appointment confirmation to absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Messages for the Teachers

As we would like to limit the amount of paper being brought into school, if you would like to send a message to your child's teacher, please send this on an email to admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk and it will be forwarded onto your child's teacher.

Menstruation

It is important that the school are informed if your daughter has started her periods. A confidential letter sent in to the teacher would allow us to support your child in school as and when it is needed. Thank you.

Hair in School

We do not allow fashion accessories such as nail varnish, hair braids and hair gel/cream. Long hair must be tied back and decorative hair slides/ties must be in school colours.

Covid-19 Updates

If a parent/carer is experiencing any of the three main Covid symptoms (a temperature of over 37.8°, a new continuous cough or a loss or change in normal sense of taste or smell) please ensure you follow the guidelines by isolating for 14 days or until you have received a negative test result. If you have any of these symptoms, please do not accompany your child to school.

In line with the NHS guidelines, anyone experiencing Covid symptoms should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms.

The [NHS COVID-19 app](#) launched this week to help control the spread of Coronavirus. It will do this by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action. Please see the attached NHS presentation for more information.