

# Northgate Primary School

## Newsletter

June 28th 2019

### Headteacher's News

I am delighted to announce the new class teachers for next year. We are very lucky to be gaining some new teachers who will all bring a range of knowledge and skills to support your children's learning. I hope as a school community we welcome them all and help them settle into Northgate. You will have an opportunity to meet them at the 'Meet the Teacher' in early September.

Mrs Thompson, our new Reception teacher, comes to us with great enthusiasm as she is delighted to return to her old primary school. She has taught Foundation Stage and KS1 in a number of Hertfordshire schools.

Miss Crowe is also delighted to be returning to us as she is also an ex-pupil and worked part of last year with Mrs Pratt and Miss Adams. Having already worked at Northgate, we know she will be an asset to the school and that she has numerous skills, including her passion for teaching art.

Mrs Venning is delighted to be joining us from a small Essex school where she has been teaching a Year 4 / 5 class. Her experience extends beyond the classroom as she worked outside education for over 10 years, mainly in retail.

Mr Dunn is moving from Enfield with his family to make the most of the superb education in Bishop's Stortford. He is an extremely experienced Year 6 teacher and, having taught in London for many of years, I am sure he will bring a new perspective to what we do.

Mr Doolan will be working with Mrs Gavin. He is currently working in a local primary school in Lower KS2 and before that worked in a London school.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Shepherd back from maternity leave, and that Mrs Newman is extending her role in our school.

The classes are as follows:

Mrs Bull - Nursery  
Mrs Thompson - R1  
Mrs Abblitt - R2  
Mrs Shepherd - C1 (current R1)  
Miss Goslitski - C2 (current R2)  
Miss Crowe - C3 (current C2)  
Mrs Pratt - C4 (current C1)  
Miss Hartley - C5 (mixed classes)  
Miss Nolan - C6 (mixed classes)  
Mrs Gavin / Mr Doolan - C7 (current 5)  
Miss Adams - C8 (current C6)  
Miss Ward / Mrs Newman - C9 (mixed classes)  
Mrs Venning - C10 (mixed classes)  
Mrs Gitto - C11 (current C9)  
Mr Dunn - C12 (current C10)

The children will have opportunity to meet the new teachers on Move Up Day and those whose classes are being mixed will have a chance to work in their new classes in the coming weeks. The teachers have spent hours considering the class mixes.

Well done to Year 4 who have completed the Pilot Multiplication test. As this is a pilot there is no pass mark and we are still unsure on what information will be available.

We are sad to say that Mrs Webb has been signed off for the rest of term. If you have concerns regarding your SEN child, please speak to their class teacher. If your child has an IPM or a One Plan, teachers will be contacting you shortly regarding their review.

### Important Dates

Mon 1st July	Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Mon 1st July	Yr 5/6 Dress rehearsal at Rhodes
Tues 2nd July	Yr 5/6 Rhodes Production
	(afternoon and evening performances)
	3.15pm Yr 1-4 Speech & Drama Presentation in Hall
Thurs 4th July	2.50pm Yr 4 Work Sharing
Fri 5th July	Sports Day / Colour Run / BBQ / Disco
<b>8th - 12th July</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Science Activities with Parents:</b>
Mon 8th July	KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Tues 9th July	<b>Reception Science with Parents</b>
	3.15pm Yr 5/6 Speech & Drama Presentation in Hall
Wed 10th July	UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Fri 12th July	LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
11th July	Move Up Morning
	9.00am NEW Reception Stay & Play
	9.00am NEW Nursery AM Stay & Play
	2.00pm NEW Nursery PM Stay & Play
Fri 12th July	9.00pm CURRENT Nursery AM Work Sharing
	2.45pm CURRENT Nursery PM Work Sharing
	2.50pm Year 5 Work Sharing
15th - 19th July	Yr 6 Bikeability
Mon 15th July	2.45pm CURRENT Reception Work Sharing
	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
Tues 16th July	Art Day
	9.00am NEW Reception Stay & Play
	9.00am NEW Nursery AM Stay & Play
	2.00pm NEW Nursery PM Stay & Play
Wed 17th July	2.45pm Year 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 18th July	Takeover Day
Fri 19th July	Yr 4 Stansted Mountfitchet Trip
	2.45pm Year 2 Work Sharing
Mon 22nd July	9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly followed by Work Sharing
	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
Tues 23rd July	Occasional Day
Wed 24th July	
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep	INSET DAYS
<b>Wed 4th Sep</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 8th Nov	Fireworks

### Safeguarding

Please do **NOT** park dangerously or illegally around school.

## Reception Trip to Willows Farm

On Monday, Reception started off the week with an exciting trip to Willows Farm. The children enjoyed feeding the animals, going on a tractor ride, watching a Peter Rabbit show and seeing a 'sheep race'! All children were really well behaved and they were a credit to our school. A big thank you to the parent helpers who came with us on the day, we really appreciate you giving up your time. Following the trip, the children have completed a variety of activities in class, including circle times and diary entries.



"I liked the pigs, it was funny when they were in the mud!" – **Orla (R1)**

"The sheep race was the best bit, it was so much fun!" –

**Thomas (R1)**

## Science Week

During science week (week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July) children will be making bird feeders. If you have any of the items below, please could you donate them to the school office where there will be a collection box. To make homemade bird feeders we require any of the following: small plastic water bottles (e.g. 500ml), juice or milk cartons, Pringle pots (small or large), yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes such as: kitchen towel or wrapping paper (unfortunately, for hygiene regions, we are not able to accept toilet roll tubes), wooden implements e.g. spatulas or wooden spoons or any wooden dowelling and any netting from fruit and pine cones.

\*Please note that we have already taken precautionary measures for any children who have allergies.

Children will also be pond dipping during the week. If you would like to help, please talk to your child's class teacher about their pond dipping slot.

## Reminders and Updates

### Changes to School Meals Charges

Please note that school dinners will be going up from £2.50 to **£2.60** a day from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**.

If you wish your child to change their meal pattern, at any time, we do ask that you give one week's notice, as the kitchen need to order their food in advance.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, funded by the government, under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Grant.

If your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 and you would like to change their meal pattern from September, please can you e-mail the office on [admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk) and let us know on what days your child would like to have dinners and the date that they would like to make the change.

**We offer the following meal patterns, with your child having school meals: Every day, Wednesdays and Fridays, Wednesdays only, Fridays only or no days.**

### Trophies

If your child won a trophy last year please could you return it to the school office.

### T-Shirts for Sports Day

We have a few t-shirts in house colours for sale in second hand uniform.

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Lola and R1: Sidney  
Poppy R2: Franky

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their sportsmanship, skill and for supporting others.

Well done to:

Class 1: Cadence and Harry	Class 7: Sam
Class 2: Daisy	Class 8: Ruby and Violet
Class 3: Harry	Class 9: Charlie S
Class 4: Ralf	Class 10: William
Class 5: Jenson	Class 11: Oliver
Class 6: Finley	Class 12: Max Q

## School Association

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you for filling your Happy School Bags this week. We raised another **£350** for the PTA pot!

Our **Colour Run and Summer Disco and BBQ is on Friday 5th July**. We really hope you'll join in the fun after Sports Day. Order forms for tickets to enter the run will be sent home with the children in book bags. We will also be selling tickets in the playground next Thursday, 4th July at the reduced advance price. Tickets will also be available on the day. Please refer back to the emails sent out from the office last week and from the class reps earlier this week for further details. Please, please also sign up to help out on the day if you can at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AAAFAC2EA6FE3-colour>

Many thanks - Your PTA

## Community

### Summer Reading Challenge 2019— 14th July to 7th September

Calling all aspiring astronauts – We need your help catching the mischievous aliens who have stolen Hertfordshire's library books. Visit your local library from **13 July 2019** and join our Summer Reading Challenge **Space Chase!** The library is also running activities over the summer so don't forget to make a visit!

We are celebrating 50 years since the first moon landing with The Reading Agency. Participation in the challenge is **free** and all you need to do is **sign up at your local library** and collect your mission pack. You will need to read six library books of your choice – these can be any books including eBooks – and come in and tell us all about the books along the way. We will give you collectable stickers to solve the mystery. All children who complete the challenge by the **7 September** will get a certificate and medal and the chance to win a VIP backstage pass to our mission control prize event with children's author Steve Cole.