

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

December 7th 2018

Headteacher's News

We commenced Christmas festivities in true style this week with two different Foundation Stage productions! On Tuesday the Nursery joined with Little Ladybirds to perform "Our First Nativity". It was great to have the opportunity to work on a combined project with the preschool. The children were amazing with their singing, Makaton signing, dancing and narrating.

Reception performed their version of "Forgetful Santa" and once again they displayed an impressive range of skills. 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.

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

We wish Miss Greaves all the best, as she starts her maternity leave - we will all miss her greatly! Mrs Clynes will be Acting Deputy while she is away. Mr Inkley will be supporting Year 6, taking groups, and Mrs Newman will be supporting English throughout the school. Hopefully see you at the Fayre tomorrow!

Northgate Winter Wonderland Tomorrow—1pm -7pm

Our very own Winter Wonderland is coming to Northgate tomorrow, and plans to be a fantastic occasion!



You can shop at over 40 stalls for festive food and drink, craft beer, gin, cakes, crepes, jewellery and accessories, beauty products, cards and gift wrap, toys, glassware, many different handmade crafts, candles, books, artwork, wreaths, sweet treats, not to mention slime and shark teeth! There's something for everyone!

Enjoy a pre-booked skating session, a visit to Santa, a fairground ride and some time in our craft room. The Year 6 children will bring you their seasonal games again and will also be running their own stalls selling gifts you can buy at pocket money prices.

And no Christmas event is complete with a raffle (top prize is £500 of Center Parcs vouchers!) and the bottle tombola.

With choirs and ensembles providing festive entertainment too this will hopefully be an amazing family day out. **Our own Year 5/6 school choir will be performing at 1.00pm.**

Entry is via the small side gate by Foundation and the event takes place mainly on the playground.

We look forward to seeing you there, supporting the school and the Association. Remember that every penny raised goes straight back to the children in resources and experiences.

Important Dates

Mon 10th Dec	KS2 Panto at Rhodes EYFS/KS1 Panto in School 7.00pm Yr 5/6 CHOIR Carol Service
Tues 11th Dec	Reception Christmas Activity Day 11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing 2.45pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
Wed 12th Dec	2pm KS1 Xmas Production 6pm KS1 Xmas Production
Thurs 13th Dec	11.00am Prospective Parent Tour 2.45pm Reception Work Sharing
Fri 14th Dec	Nursery Christmas Activity Day 9.00am Coffee for Volunteers 2.45pm Yr 3 Work Sharing
Mon 17th Dec	Nursery/Little Ladybirds Christmas Party 2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Tues 18th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day
Wed 19th Dec	KS2 Xmas Lunch and Xmas Jumper Day 2.45pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 20th Dec	2pm St Michael's Church Service
Fri 21st Dec	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Mon 7th Jan	Children Return to School
Fri 18th Jan	9.00am Volunteer safeguarding training
	Maths games with children at 2.50pm:
Mon 21st Jan	EYFS
Tues 22nd Jan	KS1
Wed 23rd Jan	KS2
Fri 25th Jan	LKS2
30th Jan	Supporting with writing at KS2
	9.00 - 9.45am
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb	Children Return to School
Fri 5th Apr	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr	Children Return to School
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun	Children Return to School
Sat 9th Jun	Association Summer Ball
Tues 23rd July	End of Term at 2.00pm

Safeguarding

Yet again, we have had tremendous problems with double parking and people showing no consideration for others outside school. Please make sure you park and drive considerately around school, as this puts our children in danger, and do **NOT** double park.

Enriching the Curriculum

Football

Last Friday the Gold Team beat Howe Green 8-0. Charlie Smith was given Man of the Match. Well done to the whole team.

Reminders and Updates

Cake Sale

We are pleased to let you know that the group of Year 6 children who ran the cake sale last Friday raised £102.96 and collected 73 books.

Book Fair

Last week's Book Fair raised £167.50 in commission to spend on more books for our library. Thank you

Photos - Christmas Production Photos

Photos of the Nursery/Little Ladybirds and Reception Christmas productions are now on display, together with order forms, in the main school entrance.

KS2 Panto at the Rhodes Centre

All KS2 will be walking to the Rhodes Centre on Monday morning so please make sure they come to school with a suitable coat.

Yr 5/6 CHOIR Carol Service

Please remember only Year 5 and 6 children who belong to the **CHOIR** will be walking to the church for a rehearsal from the Rhodes Centre (after the panto). Those children who have a school dinner will be provided with a school packed lunch, otherwise please send your child with a packed lunch from home as usual. The children will need collecting from St Michael's church at 3.00pm and returned to the church between 6.30pm and 6.45pm in smart school uniform. A maximum of 2 guests are allowed per child. If you are not attending the service, children need to be collected from the church at 8.00pm.

KS1 Christmas Production

2.00pm on Wednesday, 12th December

6.00pm on Wednesday, 12th December

Please make sure an adult brings your child back to school in their costume at 5.30pm ready for the evening performance. Please bring your tickets with you when you come to watch the shows and leave your pushchairs at the main entrance. Thank you

Guided Reading

There will be no guided reading next **Tuesday, 11th December** and the last day for guided reading will be next **Thursday, 13th December**. Thank you for all your help this term.

Next term's guided reading will commence on the first day back, **Monday, 7th January**.

Coffee for Volunteer Readers

All volunteer readers are invited to coffee with SLT at 9.00am next **Friday, 14th December**. Please let the office know if you can attend.

Art Competition

We are pleased to announce that out of 200 entries in the Colchester Zoo Colouring Competition and after some frantic voting on Facebook, Olivia Grant won the competition. The prize includes £100 for the school. Congratulations to Olivia.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Noah S	R1: Evlyn
PM: Dennis	R2: William

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their ambitious vocabulary and lovely sentence structures.

Well done to:

Class 1: Will	Class 7: Alex
Class 2: Holly	Class 8: Alice
Class 3: Meriel	Class 9: Elise
Class 4: Kiki	Class 10: Annabel
Class 5: Gabriella	Class 11: Callum
Class 6: Fatimah	Class 12: Huey and Margarita

Our Self-Managing Monkeys this week were Lea and Sophia (Class 12) and Isobel (Class 6).

Parking

We have had two complaints today about how our parents are parking.

Please can you ensure that you are parking with consideration for our neighbours.

When parking in the street, please make sure that you have not blocked driveways and also make sure that where you park there is room for an emergency vehicle to get past, if they needed to attend a nearby house.

The Cricket Club / Tennis Club is only for members parking. Please do not park in there unless you are a member, and if you do park in their car park please can you make sure that you are not parked on the hatched areas as these are needed for deliveries.

There is plenty of parking up at the rugby club and it is only a couple of minutes' walk down the hill.

Community

Bishop's Stortford Educational Trust

If you are considering a career in teaching, did you know you can train in local schools. The Bishop's Stortford Educational Trust is running two information events in January. Please see the attached flyer for further details

Hertfordshire Get Into Teaching Events 2018

Herts for Learning Ltd – Teach in Herts work on behalf of over 525 Hertfordshire shareholding schools to raise the profile of their job search website on which schools can manage all of their school vacancies. Encouraging people to career change into teaching or to consider teaching as their first career is a vital part of their work and they are running an event in January. For details of this event and their teacher recruitment fairs please ask at the school office.

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Please find flyers attaching giving information and booking details for the following courses:

- Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs
- Supporting Children with Sensory Processing Difficulties