

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 11th 2019

Headteacher's News

It was good to see so many parents at the Phonics Workshops held for Reception. We look forward to seeing Year 5 and 6 parents on Thursday 17th October from 6.45pm-8.00pm at the English and Maths Information Evening. There will also be information about the end of Key Stage SATs. As in previous years, there will be a series of 15 minute workshops for parents to choose between.

At this time of year the children are beginning to get tired and are more vulnerable for picking up illnesses, and this is often the period when we get an increased number of incidents of poor behaviour. It is important that students pay attention to all of the basic aspects of wellbeing to ensure that they can make good, considered decisions. Please help your child at this time in the term by making sure they have plenty of rest at home and are going to bed at a reasonable time. Please be aware that there have been a number of pieces of research on how having phones in bedrooms has a detrimental affect on sleep. Thank you.

We want the children to be coming into school positively as over the next couple of weeks the children will be completing a number of assessments to help identify their next steps in their learning. This information will be shared at parent consultation evenings after half term.

We have had a number of staff off sick and we hope they get better soon. We appreciate your understanding if your child has been impacted by this.

Have a great weekend.

Herts Hogline

Your donations of cat food were delivered to Herts Hogline this week and they asked us to pass on their grateful thanks for your generosity.



Safeguarding

An article on the BBC website this week followed three families to test which method of travel to school meant they breathed less pollution - walking, cycling or driving. Contrary to what many may think even travelling inside the car means breathing in the most pollution.



Important Dates

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| Tues 15th Oct | Happy School Bag Collection |
| Weds 16th Oct | Rec -Yr 6 Flu Immunisation Day |
| Thurs 17th Oct | 6.45pm-8.00pm Y5/6 Parent Info Eve |
| Mon 21st Oct | 2.45pm Yr 4 Times Table Meeting |
| Tues 22nd Oct | 2.45pm Yr 5 Work Sharing |
| Weds 23rd Oct | 9am Yr 1 Phonics Workshop |
| Fri 25th Oct | Yr 5 Duxford Trip |
| 28th Oct-1st Nov | Half Term |
| Mon 4th Nov | INSET DAY |
| Tues 5th Nov | Yr2 Pirate Day |
| 5th-8th Nov | Well-being Week |
| Fri 8th Nov | Fireworks |
| Tues 12th Nov | Parent Consultations |
| Wed 13th Nov | Parent Consultations |
| Weds 20th Nov | 2.45pm Yr 2 Phonics/Spelling Workshop |
| Weds 27th Nov | 2.45pm Yr 6 Work Sharing |
| Fri 29th Nov | Occasional Day |
| Tues 3rd Dec | Happy School Bag Collection |
| Mon 9th Dec | 2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing |
| Weds 11th Dec | 2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production |
| Thurs 12th Dec | 2.45pm REC Work Sharing |
| Mon 16th Dec | 2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing |
| Mon 16th Dec | KS1 Christmas Lunch |
| Tues 17th Dec | KS2 Christmas Lunch |
| Weds 18th Dec | 2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing |
| Weds 18th Dec | KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip |
| Weds 18th Dec | KS1 Panto - in school |
| Thurs 19th Dec | KS2 St Michael's Church carol service (pick up from church) |
| Fri 20th Dec | End of Term at 2.00pm |
| Mon 6th Jan | Children Return to School |
| 17th-21st Feb | Half Term |
| Mon 24th Feb | INSET DAY |
| Tues 25th Feb | Children Return to School |
| Fri 3rd April | End of Term at 2.00pm |
| Mon 20th April | Children Return to School |
| May 2020 | Yr 2 SATs |
| Fri 8th May | Bank Holiday (moved for VE day) |
| 11th-15th May | Yr 6 SAT's week |
| 25th-29th May | Half Term |
| Mon 1st June | INSET DAY |
| Tues 2nd June | Children Return to School |
| 8th-12th June | Year 6 School Journey |
| 8th-12th June | Yr 1 Phonics Week |
| 8th-26th June | Yr 4 Times Tables Tests |
| Tues 21st July | End of Term at 2.00pm |

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Enriching the Curriculum

Tri Golf

This week 10 of our Year 3 and Year 4 learners went off to Birchwood to compete in the Tri Golf Competition where they placed 5th out of 11 schools. What a fantastic achievement for all involved! The sports leaders at Birchwood were incredibly impressed at the high scores that the players were reaching. A special mention to Olivia G and Grace E for their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the event. Thank you to all parents who helped out with this event.

Football

The BSP football team played their second match and had a fantastic game, winning against St Michaels school 5-3. They were outstanding and represented the school in such a mature manner. Manager's Player went to Sam A for being such a good role model and encouraging all the team when goals were scored against them.

Over the coming weeks we have some very exciting sports events including Cheerleading, Quicksticks Hockey and Basketball.

MSA Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you know anyone in the local community (parents, grandparents, friends, relatives or neighbours) who could work Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes in the school please contact the school office or email secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Community News

We have attached three flyers for clubs which are running locally this October half term which we hope you will find useful.

Cheerleading club have an exciting opportunity for our students to participate in a Cheer & Acro Workshop.

CC Sports Coaching are holding a Rugby Camp for Boys & Girls, U6 to U12, at BSRFC. An application form is attached.

Tech Club are coming to Northgate this half term. Further details can be found on their flyer.

School Association

Hopefully you have all seen the parentmails about both our 250 Club and Fireworks Night. We are very excited that tickets for both are selling fast! Your support for both these is very much appreciated.

We also very excited to let you know that we have a team of amazing Mums who have stepped forward to organise a Christmas event. Although it is now too late to arrange a large scale market or fair, they will be organising something fun and festive so the children don't miss out. More details to follow as soon as we have fixed a date but huge thanks to Rachel Spence, Jo Parrott, Geri Wren, Susan Tidman and Kelly Hyde for taking this on. We can't wait!

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

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| Nursery | AM: Millie | R1: Amber |
| | PM: Tobias | R2: Sophia |

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for use of many scientific skills, including vocabulary and asking insightful questions.

Well done to:

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| Class 1: Evlyn | Class 7: Annie and Luke |
| Class 2: Ria | Class 8: Morgan |
| Class 3: Jack | Class 9: Charlie |
| Class 4: Susannah | Class 10: Lars |
| Class 5: Griff | Class 11: Elizabeth |
| Class 6: George | Class 12: Luca |

Reminders and Updates

Happy Bags

Happy bags will be collected on Tuesday 15th October. Full bags can be left in the bike shelter the day before collection or before 9am on the day of collection.

Lost Property

Any items of lost property not collected by Monday 14th October will be sent with the Happy School Bags collection on the 15th October.

Polite Reminder

No dogs should be brought past the gate onto school grounds.

Secondary Transfer 2020

Year 6 Please be aware that the deadline for applications is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by **Thursday 31st October 2019**. The Admissions Team have recommend that parents complete it by Friday 25th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Flu Immunisations

Just a reminder that the School Nurses will be in school for flu immunisations for children in Reception to Year 6 on Wednesday 16th October. If you haven't returned your form yet, please drop it into the School Office as soon as possible.

Parking

Please note that the staff car park should not to be used for pick up and drop off under any circumstance, including before and after school. Thank you

School Grid

Following our recent update to the school lunch ordering system, could we please ask you to order your child's lunch in advance using our online ordering system, School Grid. By booking in advance you can pick and choose which days your child has school lunch and you can currently book up until half term. Please let the School Office know if you have any queries.