

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 15th 2019

Headteacher's News

It was great to see the children and the staff in their pyjamas yesterday, raising money for Children in Need. We raised £500 which is a fantastic amount to send on behalf of our school. Activities on the day included a yoga session with Pudsey and a dance-a-thon in Nursery.

Well done to Imogen in Class 8 and a few of her friends who held a pom-pom sale to raise money for Children in Need. They raised an impressive £120 for the charity! Demand was greater than they expected and they quickly sold out. It was great once again to see our pupils using their initiative to help others.



It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. I hope you found it useful and that it gave you a good sense of how your child is progressing, as well as areas that your child now needs to work on.

We encourage our children to think beyond themselves and to take an interest in issues that affect our local area. We were therefore delighted that the Foodbank have let us know that during our Harvest Festival appeal we collected an outstanding 273.5kg of food donations. Thank you to everyone who took part.

We look forward to seeing the Year 2 parents at the phonics and spelling workshop on Wednesday, where the teachers will share information about what they cover in school and how you can support at home.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum - Year 1 Pilot Day



On Monday, Year 1 had an exciting visit from a pilot! He flew us to India and talked to us about his job. The children loved asking him questions and having their passport stamped at security. Many thanks to Mr Confessor for taking the time to visit us.

In the afternoon, we celebrated Diwali in the classrooms. We created diva lamps, coloured rangoli patterns, danced to Indian music and enjoyed some party food. Thank you to Mrs Virdee for talking to the children about Diwali and to parents for bringing in lots of party food for the children to enjoy.



Important Dates

Weds 20th Nov
Weds 27th Nov
Fri 29th Nov
Tues 3rd Dec
Fri 6th Dec
Mon 9th Dec
Mon 9th Dec

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Weds 11th Dec
Thurs 12th Dec
Mon 16th Dec
Mon 16th Dec
Tues 17th Dec
Weds 18th Dec
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Thurs 19th Dec

Fri 20th Dec
Mon 6th Jan
Weds 15th Jan
17th-21st Feb
Mon 24th Feb
Tues 25th Feb
Fri 3rd April
Mon 20th April
May 2020
Fri 8th May
11th-15th May
25th-29th May
Mon 1st June
Tues 2nd June
8th-12th June
8th-12th June
8th-26th June
Tues 21st July

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2.45pm Yr 2 Phonics/Spelling Workshop
2.45pm Yr 6 Work Sharing

Occasional Day

Happy School Bag Collection
3.30-6.30pm Christmas Film Night
2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing
10am-11am Nursery AM Christmas Singing Concert

2pm-3pm Nursery PM Christmas Singing Concert

2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production
2.45pm REC Work Sharing
2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch
KS2 Christmas Lunch
2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip
KS1 Panto - in school
KS2 St Michael's Church carol service (pick up from church)

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Children Return to School

2.15pm SENCO Parent Workshop
Half Term

INSET DAY

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End of Term at **2.00pm**

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Yr 2 SATs

Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)

Yr 6 SAT's week

Half Term

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

Year 6 School Journey

Yr 1 Phonics Week

Yr 4 Times Tables Tests

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Safeguarding

Please do not allow your child to climb on the playground apparatus before or after school.

Even if you are supervising your child, other children are then encouraged to play who may not be supervised. There have been accidents in the past and your co-operation with this is appreciated.

Enriching the Curriculum

Remembrance Day

On Monday afternoon, Year 6 visited the Bishop's Stortford memorial as part of their WW1 topic. They found out about Remembrance Day services and focussed on what happens at a memorial service. The children also looked at messages left by families on the poppy wreaths and stones. Thank you to the parent helpers who joined us on the day.

Football

Our KAS Gold and Silver teams played at Manor Fields Primary School last Friday after school. Both teams worked incredibly hard on a wet and cold evening and the Gold team won their match. Well done to everyone who played.

Music Gala

This week we had our place at Hertfordshire Schools' Gala Concert confirmed. The concert celebrates music making in Hertfordshire primary and secondary schools and will involve choir members from Years 5 and 6 joining together with other musicians from across the county to perform at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 8th March 2020.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Imogen	R1: Peter
	PM: Autumn	R2: Lilian

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on History and Geography.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their fantastic retention of facts and outstanding knowledge of WW1. Well done to:

Class 1: Eilaf	Class 7: Ryan
Class 2: Elijah	Class 8: Jude
Class 3: Stanley	Class 9: Ryan
Class 4: Luca	Class 10: Frank C
Class 5: Amelie	Class 11: Adam
Class 6: Isabella	Class 12: Ethan G

Community

Squash Coaching sessions are available for children at Chantry Squash and Racketball Club throughout the year. Sessions last 45 minutes and all equipment is provided.

- ⇒ England Squash qualified coaches.
- ⇒ All sessions are £5 on pay as you go basis.
- ⇒ First session free with no obligation.

Classes are available now for children aged 7 to 11 years and a new group for children aged 5 and 6 will start in February. For more information contact Tim Osborne on 07400 055500 or email coaching@chantrysquashclub.

Reminders and Updates

School Lunches

Don't forget to book your child's lunch in advance on School Grid. Bookings can be made now until the end of term on 20th December.

Christmas Lunch

With the festive season fast approaching, we have our Christmas lunch dates confirmed. A traditional Christmas lunch will be served to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday 16th December. On this day Years 3 to 6 will need to bring in a packed lunch. On Tuesday 17th December Years 3 to 6 will be served their Christmas lunch and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need to bring in a packed lunch. Please ensure your School Grid bookings reflect the changes to these days. If your child has a special dietary needs and you would like to book a Christmas lunch for them, please contact the office.

Primary Admissions

The process for applying to primary schools is now live. Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Applications close on 15th January 2020.

All school based information is accessible through the updated online schools directory at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment please let us know, either by letter or email, to: absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk with a copy of the appointment letter and your child's name, class and the date and time of the appointment. Thank you.

School Association



£3,600!!! That's how much our Fireworks Night raised! A huge thank you to everyone who turned out in the rain and came along to enjoy the show. Thank you also to Peter Fowke for his efforts once again in organising this fantastic event.

The uptake for our 250 Club has been great but there are still a few numbers left if you want to sign up. Contact mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk for a sign up form.

Our next event is the Christmas Film Night on 6th December. Parents are invited from 4:30pm to enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and other festive refreshments and the children can take part in Year 6 Christmas games and sand art activities after the film. Look out for full details in book bags soon.

Thanks for your ongoing support. Your PTA