

Northgate Primary School

Newsletter

January 11th 2019

Headteacher's News

A 'Happy New Year' to everyone and a huge thank you from all the staff for the gifts and warm wishes sent for Christmas. I hope you had an enjoyable break.

We have a fantastic range of activities and sessions planned for our children in the coming months, including class trips out, special days, the Festival of Literature and Healthy Schools Week including the Life Bus, to name just a few! We are looking forward to the term ahead!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Webb, our new SENDCo, who started this week. She is an experienced teacher who has worked in other schools supporting SEN children. She will be working on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be overseeing the SEN provision in the school. She will be available at consultations to meet parents, but if you need to contact her before that, please email her on senco@northgate.herts.sch.uk. Mrs Molyneux has enjoyed getting to know the reception children this week and Mr Inkley has started supporting our Year 6.

Congratulations to Miss Greaves, who gave birth to a daughter, Eliza Rose last weekend! Mother and daughter are doing well.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday, 7th March and we will be celebrating the wonder of books with a fancy dress parade. We would like the children to come in dressed as a character from a book - no super heroes please! The children will also be taking part in lots of book related activities throughout the day.

Photographer

Are you an amateur photographer who has some time to spare in the school day and would be interested in taking some photos for the school? If so, please contact the school office. Thank you

Reception Applications 2019

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to Reception is **Tuesday 15 January 2019**. Parents need to make an application by the closing date to ensure their application is considered as on-time. Applications should be made online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Nursery Applications 2019

Nursery applications will open on Monday, 4th February. Applications need to be made online and the application form will be available on **our school website** on that day.

Important Dates

Fri 18th Jan	9.00am Volunteer safeguarding training
Mon 21st Jan	Maths games with children: 9.00am Nursery AM 2.50pm Nursery PM and Reception
Tues 22nd Jan	2.50pm KS1 (Years 1 and 2)
Wed 23rd Jan	2.50pm UKS2 (Years 5 and 6)
Fri 25th Jan	2.50pm LKS2 (Years 3 and 4)
Fri 25th Jan	9.30-11.30am Aspects - Positive Behaviour Workshop at Northgate 11.00am PTA Foundation (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) Parents Coffee Morning
30th Jan	Supporting with writing at KS2 9.00 - 9.45am
4th— 8th Feb	Healthy Schools Week
Fri 8th Feb	PTA Film Night
Wed 13th Feb	1.30pm Yr1 Tea Party for the 'Queen'
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb	Children Return to School
7th March	World Book Day
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
Wed 24th July	Occasional Day

*Red = New Item

Safeguarding

For health and safety reasons, please do **NOT** park in or walk through the staff car park, including for breakfast and after school clubs. The entrance area is extremely busy, especially in the mornings, and we do not wish to have any accidents. Thank you.

Children are **NOT** allowed on the playground apparatus before and after school. Even if you are supervising your child, this encourages other children to go on and we have, in the past, had a serious accident at this time.

Reminders and Updates

Medicines

If your child needs any medicine please be advised that it must be in its original packaging, in date and, where relevant, have the pharmacy label attached. Children must not bring medicines to school in their bags or pockets (e.g. throat lozenges, etc.). They need to be brought in by an adult and handed in/collected to/from the school office. An Administration of Medication form must be completed and handed in at the school office by the parent/carer. Forms can be obtained from the school office or can be found on the school website. Parents need to be aware of expiry dates and replace items such as inhalers and auto-injectors prior to expiry.

School Dinners—KS2

Charge forecast letters have been sent out this week to KS2. Please ensure that you pay on School Gateway as soon as possible to ensure that you remain in credit for the rest of this half term. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Healthy Snacks

Please make sure your children's snacks are healthy. Crisps, biscuits and chocolate are not allowed. If these items are found, they will be returned home at the end of the day.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart at the beginning of term but please remember that skirts and trousers must be smart school wear. Smart black shoes should be worn, without flashing lights. Children are not allowed to wear trainers, fashion shoes or boots.

In years 3 and 4 children can wear a shirt and tie but this is optional. In years 5 and 6 all children must wear a white shirt or a white blouse, with a school tie.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school, including smart watches. Earrings are not allowed to be worn for safety reasons.

Hair accessories must be in school colours, yellow or bottle green.

Extreme hair cuts or hair gel/cream are not allowed. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.

Please remember all children need a coat, as they will be outside for about 45 minutes per day.

PE Kit

All children need to wear a white t-shirt with bottle green shorts and a bottle green tracksuit in the colder weather.

We appreciate your support in all these matters.

Can you also make sure all items are named. We have taken a tremendous amount of unnamed items to charity as we have been unable to return them to their rightful owners. If you lose anything, please check in the lost property boxes in the main reception area as unnamed items are discarded at the end of each month.

School Association

Happy new year from the Northgate Association! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break.

Our first committee meeting of 2019 is next Monday, 14th January at 7:30pm in the school staff room. As usual everyone is welcome to attend, or if you've anything you'd like to raise or suggest but can't attend please feel free to email ptanorthgate@gmail.com in advance.

We would also like to invite all Foundation parents to a coffee morning on Friday 25th January from 9.00am. We would especially like to welcome those parents who are new to the school this year and give you the opportunity to learn about your PTA, how it works, what we do and about how you can get involved.

Best wishes - Louisa Piercy (Chair)

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Agnes
PM: Maurice

R1: Sebastian F
R2: Finley

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Reading

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for persevering and regularly recording home reading in their reading record.

Well done to:

Class 1: John	Class 7: Imogen L
Class 2: Anton	Class 8: Isla J
Class 3: Maisy	Class 9: Gracie
Class 4: Skye	Class 10: Feroz
Class 5: Lara	Class 11: Callum
Class 6: Tristan	Class 12: Abby

SEND

Positive Behaviour Strategies to use at Home

Aspects will be running the above workshop from 9.30am-11.30am on Friday, 25th January at Northgate. Please see the attached flyer for further information and booking details.

Other Aspects Workshops

Aspects also have a number of other workshops arranged for the Spring and Summer terms and they are now taking bookings for the following:

- Believe in Yourself Be Confident - **Tues 19th Feb**
- Mighty Monsters - Taming Those Monster Feelings - **Sat 2nd Feb**
- The Relationship Puzzle - **Thurs 7th Feb**
- Moving on to Year 7 - **Mon 10th Jun**
- Parenting an Anxious Child- **Thurs 28th March**

Further details and booking information can be obtained from the school office.

Community

Fosters Schoolwear

Fosters are running a 10% off week and January sale starting 14th January. This applies to in store purchases only.

BSCC Girls Cricket

"We successfully ran 2 girls teams last summer and got to the finals of U12 and U14 competitions in Hertfordshire, so delighted with our first season. We are looking for girls from year 5 to 9 (although we will limited year 5 to 10 girls maximum to allow them to get the most from the sessions). We plan to have an U10 team this year too. We managed to get 5 girls playing for the county as well. We are aiming to feed the successful Women's team at Bishop's Stortford CC, at the very least our ambition is to give them a love for cricket for the rest of their lives, whether they play in their adult lives or not." Please see the attached flyer for further information and contact details.