

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

January 24th 2020

## Headteacher's News

A massive well done to our athletics team who last week won the local athletics competition at Birchwood. We are extremely proud of our team who will now go through to the county finals in March! See below for more details.

We look forward to seeing parents next week at our maths games sessions. Please see the Important Dates for details on the times of these sessions. We know the children love the opportunity to share their learning with you.

We have the Life Bus in school for the week beginning 3rd February. Please see the diary for times of the parent sessions, including the drop ins. This will help give you an understanding of the sessions covered by the children.

Thank you for all the donations at the Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Michael's church. I am delighted that we raised £194 for the Bishop's Stortford Winter Night shelter as well as supporting St Michael's church, a magnificent venue for our service.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Enriching the Curriculum

We took a team of 16 children to the Birchwood School Sports Partnership Athletics event last Friday. The competition is held over 2 days as so many local schools enter. The children compete in a variety of indoor field and track events, both individually and in teams. Our pupils showed fantastic team work and support of one another, encouraging and congratulating each other with every excellent result. It was clear that we have some extremely talented athletes within our school. Northgate won day 2 of the competition with a clear 20 point lead. When all the points were tallied across the 2 days Northgate remained the winning school. There

were over 15 schools taking part in the event, so they did amazingly well! They will now represent the district at the County Finals on 17th March at Wodson Park.



## Safeguarding

The Spring term 2020 Online Safety Newsletter is now available [Online Safety Newsletter](#). This issue includes details of the BBC 'Own It' app which is used to provide safety reminders when using smart phones, along with information on 'loot boxes' which are used in certain online games. We hope you find it a useful tool for keeping up-to-date with online safety at home.



## Important Dates

Tues 28th Jan	2.50pm EYFS Maths Games with Children
Weds 29th Jan	2.50pm UKS2 Maths Games with Children
Thurs 30th Jan	2.50pm KS1 Maths Games with Children
Fri 31st Jan	2.50pm LKS2 Maths Games with Children
3rd - 7th Feb	Life Bus in School
<b>Mon 3rd Feb</b>	<b>3.15pm Life Bus Parent/Carer Drop In</b>
<b>Tues 4th Feb</b>	<b>8.50am Life Bus Parent/Carer Drop In</b>
<b>Tues 4th Feb</b>	<b>2.30pm Life Bus Parent/Carer Workshop</b>
Fri 7th Feb	2pm Year 3 to Festival of Literature
Fri 7th Feb	School Discos KS1 5pm, KS2 6.45pm
Mon 10th Feb	9.30am Year 1/2 to Festival of Literature
Mon 10th Feb	2pm Year 5 to Festival of Literature
Tues 11th Feb	2pm Year 6 to Festival of Literature
Weds 12th Feb	2pm School Council Picture Book Award
Thurs 13th Feb	2pm Year 4 to Festival of Literature
Thurs 13th Feb	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
<b>17th-21st Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 24th Feb</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tues 25th Feb</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
25th - 28th Feb	Technology Week
<b>Tues 25th Feb</b>	<b>4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings</b>
<b>Weds 26th Feb</b>	<b>3.30-6.30pm Parent Consultation Meetings</b>
<b>Weds 4th March</b>	<b>2.45pm Year 2 Maths Workshop</b>
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Sun 8th March	Hertfordshire Gala Concert - Albert Hall
Mon 9th March	2.50pm Year 5 Work Sharing
<b>Thurs 12th March</b>	<b>Year 6 Instrumental Concert</b>
16th-20th March	PTA Mother's Day shop
Tues 24th March	2.50pm Year 6 Work Sharing
Weds 25th March	2.15pm and 6.30pm Year 3 and 4 Show
Thurs 26th March	11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
Thurs 26th March	2.50pm Nursery PM Work Sharing
Friday 27th March	2.50pm Year 4 Work Sharing
Mon 30th March	2.50pm Year 2 Work Sharing
Tues 31st March	2.50pm Reception Work Sharing
Weds 1st April	2.50pm Year 1 Work Sharing
Thurs 2nd April	2.50pm Year 3 Work Sharing
<b>Fri 3rd April</b>	<b>End of Term at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 20th April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>May 2020</b>	<b>Year 2 SATs</b>
<b>Fri 8th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)</b>
<b>11th-15th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SAT's week</b>
25th-29th May	Half Term
<b>Mon 1st June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Sat 6th June	PTA Summer Fayre
<b>Tues 2nd June</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
8th-12th June	Year 6 School Journey
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Week
8th-26th June	Yr 4 Times Tables Tests
Fri 3rd July	Sports Day
Tues 21st July	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>2nd-3rd Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
<b>Friday 4th Sept</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>

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### Enriching the Curriculum

#### Year 2 Street Detective Walk

Year 2 were out and about this week using our local environment to support our geography learning. As part of their topic 'Street Detectives', both classes enjoyed a walk around the local area and learnt different historical and geographical facts. The children used maps to record the route and learnt how to read a map. We found out about the old Northgate End School and also Chantry Mount School. Thank you to all the parents who helped the children develop map reading skills during the walk.



#### Geography House Quiz

This week, all of the children took part in the first round of the Geography House Quiz. One child from each house in each class was then selected to compete in the final earlier today. Questions focused on a wide range of geography aspects such as continents, oceans, capital cities, human and physical features. The final results are:

#### KS1

Joint 1st place: Vikings and Normans, 2nd place: Saxons, 3rd place: Romans

#### KS2

1st place: Normans, 2nd place: Saxons, Joint 3rd place: Vikings and Romans

Well done to all children for taking part in the quiz.

### Reminders and Updates

#### Parking Outside School

We have received several complaints regarding inconsiderate parking outside school at drop off and collection times. Any vehicle parked in contravention may be issued with an instant penalty notice which will not be cancelled under any circumstances, including for picking-up or dropping-off children. Please could we ask that you park considerately during these busy times.

#### Lost Property

All lost property items will be disposed of at the end of the this month. Please check for any lost items before Friday.

### Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Emily	R1: Matthew
	PM: Jibreel	R2: Alex

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for choosing great adjectives, great focus on spellings and using beautiful story language.

Well done to:

Class 1: Thomas	Class 7: Molly
Class 2: Luca	Class 8: Tristan
Class 3: Oscar	Class 9: Will
Class 4: Charlotte	Class 10: Zoe
Class 5: Harry	Class 11: Isabella
Class 6: Quincy	Class 12: Ella

Due to staff training last week's Learners of the Week were not announced. They were, Class 3: Annie and Class 10: Imogen W.

### Community News

#### Herts Mind Network

HMD are running an 8-week course for Mums of children aged 0-24 months. Click [here](#) for further information

#### Train to Teach

Northgate is a member of the Bishop's Stortford Educational Trust and can offer opportunities to train to teach, leading to Qualified Teacher Status. Training takes place in one of our local schools where there are great job prospects after training is complete. Leventhorpe are hosting information events and a flyer with more details can be found [here](#).

### School Association

#### School Disco

The school disco is 2 weeks away & we still need lots of parent volunteers to make it happen. Helping out is fun & the kids have a wonderful time, so don't be shy - we need you! Sign up at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWC6VR9>

#### Treasurer Role

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are now desperately seeking a new treasurer. The role requires keeping monthly records of money in and out, writing cheques, sorting out floats for events and banking money. You don't need to be an accountant, just someone fairly numerate and good with a spreadsheet. Please email [ptanorthgate@gmail.com](mailto:ptanorthgate@gmail.com) if you would be able to take this on.