

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

October 25th 2019

Headteacher's News

We hope you found the parent workshops useful this week. As ever your feedback is always appreciated, so please feel free to email us on interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

We want to wish Mrs Clynes all the best as she starts her maternity leave. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils. We are delighted to welcome Miss Greaves back after half term who will continue supporting in Year 6.

To help improve personal development, we would like to further support our children's understanding of a range of religious beliefs. If you are interested in sharing your religious beliefs or information about a religious festival to the children in assemblies, please email us on admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Please save the date for our Christmas film night and fayre. It will be on Friday 6th December from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Please support our PTA in one of our key fundraising and community event.

Hope you have a wonderful half term. Please remember that we have an Inset day on Monday 4th November so the children will be returning to school on Tuesday 5th November.

Charity Cake Sales

Two successful cake sales took place in school this week, run by two groups of children who showed great charitable endeavour by making lots of cakes to be sold. The proceeds will be donated to two charities; Lyme Disease UK and Foxdells Animal Sanctuary.



A huge well done to everyone involved for all your hard work!

Cake tins for collection

We have several cake tins at school for collection. If you kindly donated cakes for the Key Stage 1 or 2 cake sales, please reclaim your tin from classes 9 and 10 when we are back in school after half term.

Safeguarding

Please remind your children, including pre-schoolers, that they are not permitted to scoot or cycle on school premises. The entrance area is extremely busy in the morning and we do not wish to have any accidents. Also, please do not walk your children through the staff car park as this is very dangerous. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Important Dates

Mon 4th Nov

Tues 5th Nov

Tues 5th Nov

5th-8th Nov

Fri 8th Nov

Tues 12th Nov

Wed 13th Nov

Weds 20th Nov

Weds 27th Nov

Fri 29th Nov

Tues 3rd Dec

Fri 6th Dec

Mon 9th Dec

Weds 11th Dec

Thurs 12th Dec

Mon 16th Dec

Mon 16th Dec

Tues 17th Dec

Weds 18th Dec

Weds 18th Dec

Weds 18th Dec

Thurs 19th Dec

Fri 20th Dec

Mon 6th 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

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

Yr2 Pirate Day

Wellbeing Week

Fireworks Display

Parent Consultations

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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

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

Half Term

INSET DAY

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End of Term at **2.00pm**

Children Return to School

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**

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November. You can sign up for a space to meet with your child's class teacher on eschools from 7pm on Monday 4th November.

Reminders and Updates

Secondary Transfer 2020

Year 6 Please be aware that the deadline for applications is next week. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by **Thursday 31st October 2019**.

Lost Property

Could you please check your child's uniform and PE bags when they are home for the half term holiday as we have several items of lost property which haven't been located. If you find you have a named item which does not belong to your child, please hand them into the office when we return to school. Thank you.

School Lunch Money

A copy of the new menu should have come home with your child. Please don't forget to order in advance on School Grid; you can now book lunches up until 20th December. Could you please ensure that you make a payment for next half term's school lunches via School Gateway and that you have sufficient credit for the lunches you are booking. Charge forecast letters are no longer sent out and current balances can be found on School Gateway. Lunches remain at a cost of £2.60 per day.

School Association

We held our AGM this week and were really delighted to be able to reflect on the last year of fundraising activities that achieved an incredible **£16,900!!!** Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved in any way to help us achieve this. This money will really make a difference to the school, our children and their education. Attached to this newsletter is the Chair's Report for those that missed the AGM along with our first termly newsletter.

We also discussed the year ahead and the focus of our fundraising for 2019-20. We are committed to continuing to fund the Christmas pantos and entertainer, the Life Bus and other contributions to curriculum enrichment weeks and maintenance of our previous investments. Additionally, the school has plans to refit and update the computer suite, benefiting all children. To achieve this the PTA has been asked to contribute £12,000 over 2 years and the Committee have unanimously agreed to focus the rest of our fundraising effort on this project. This means our fundraising target for the year ahead is around **£14,000**.

A quick and easy way to help us on the way to reaching our target is to sign up to our NEW 250 Club by Friday 8th November. Email mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk for full details and a membership form.

Your child will have been sent home with a personalised Christmas Card and Gift order form and some children have been asked to design a Christmas Card as their holiday homework. If you would like their design to be turned into Christmas Cards or Gifts, please hand your form in with payment to your child's class teacher by 6th November.

Wishing you a fantastic half term break from all at the PTA.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Lara	R1: Aarohi
	PM: Noah	R2: Rory

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for listening to and helping others

Well done to:

Class 1: George	Class 6: Eva Macfie
Class 2: Maya	Class 7: Sophie
Class 3: Holly	Class 8: Olivia
Class 4: Eden	Class 11: Cole
Class 5: Yoana	Class 12: Oliver

Enriching the Curriculum

Quicksticks

Three teams of Year 6 children took part in a Quicksticks tournament at Birchwood High School on a wet and chilly Thursday morning. All three teams played extremely well, especially in defending and attacking.

The A team came third in their group with several of the team scoring goals. The B team came second in their group and only narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals. The C team also came third in their group. Well done to Isabella from the C team who scored a brilliant goal despite sustaining a small injury.

We would like to congratulate everyone who played in the tournament in the rain!

BSP Football vs Reedings

A team went off to Reedings School after school on Monday and fought hard against a strong team and a showed a strong team spirit. Well done to the whole team.

Cheerleading Competition

Last Friday a team of ten Key Stage 2 girls took part in a cheerleading competition. There were four schools in their category and the girls had to perform a routine and a cheer. The team did incredibly well to come second in their group. Well done to all involved.

Duxford Trip

Our Year 5 classes have had a good day at Duxford learning about Children in World War II.

They have seen lots of planes, including one taking off, and the children particularly enjoyed experiencing an Anderson shelter.

