

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

June 25th 2021

Headteacher's News

I am delighted to announce the new class teachers for next year. We are very lucky to be gaining a new teacher, Miss Seers, plus welcoming back Mrs Aziz and Mrs Port, both of whom have worked in school with support teaching this year, and who will be covering Miss Goslitski's maternity leave. They will each bring a range of knowledge and skills to support your children's learning. We are delighted to welcome Miss Seers to Northgate. She has recently completed a degree in Primary Education and has worked in Early Years and key stage one, teaching children with a wide variety of learning needs in Harlow, London and St Albans. She is extremely excited about joining Northgate, having already spent days with Miss Stott in Reception. I hope as a school community we make them very welcome, and fingers crossed that you will have an opportunity to meet them at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in early September. Our current Nursery will receive letters about their classes next week. We are extremely sad to be losing Miss Nolan, who is moving out of the area. We wish her well in her new job in the St Albans area.

The classes for 2021/22 are as follows:

Mrs Bull - Nursery
Miss Stott - R1
Miss Seers - R2
Miss Crowe - C1 (current R2)
Mrs Aziz/Mrs Port - C2 (current R1)
Mrs Shepherd - C3 (current C2)
Mrs Pratt/Mrs Stephens - C4 (current C1)
Mrs Crumpler/Mrs Clynes - C5 (mixed classes)
Mrs Venning - C6 (mixed classes)
Miss Kavanagh - C7 (current C5)
Miss Adams - C8 (current C6)
Mrs Gitto - C9 (mixed classes)
Miss Williams - C10 (mixed classes)
Miss Hartley - C11 (current C10)
Mr Dunn - C12 (current C9)

The children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers on Move Up Day, and those whose classes are being mixed will have a chance to work in their new class groups in the coming weeks.

Well done to Year 4 who have completed the new national multiplication test this week. As this was not compulsory this year, and is new, there is no pass mark and we are still unsure on what information will be available.

There are an increasing number of cases of Covid in Bishop's Stortford, and schools are starting to close bubbles again. For this reason, Herts County Council have strongly recommended that schools do not hold the traditional end of term events. I appreciate that current regulations are very confusing but bubbles do still have to isolate and I am hoping no one will have to return to online learning for the last few weeks of term. Therefore the school has made the difficult decision to follow Herts guidance and make changes to our end of term arrangements. We will try to keep as many events as possible for the children, but unfortunately parents will not be able to attend our usual events. We hope that we can give the children a really positive end of term, held in school and not online. Your co-operation to keep within the current guidance is much appreciated and, if possible, please complete regular lateral flow tests. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

Important Dates - 2020/21

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| Tues 29th June | Y5 Egyptian Workshop (In School) |
| Thurs 1st July | Year 4 Instrumental Concert (Recorded) |
| Tues 6th July | Year 6 Performance (Recorded) |
| Thurs 8th July | Move Up Day |
| Fri 9th July | Sports Day |
| Tues 13th July | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Mon 12th July | Y4 to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle |
| Weds 14th July | Art Day |
| Thurs 15th July | Y1 Trip to Knebworth House |
| | Y3 Instrumental Concert (Recorded) |
| Fri 16th July | Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony |
| Mon 19th July | Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Live on Google Classrooms at 9.15am) |
| Tues 20th July | End of Term at 2.00pm |
| Weds 21st July | INSET day |
| Thurs 22nd July | OCCASIONAL DAY |
| 1st-2nd Sept | INSET DAYS |
| Fri 3rd Sept | Children Return to School |

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Safeguarding

Please make sure we have up-to-date contact details in case there is an emergency in school and we need to contact you. It is helpful for us to have several people named, in case the first ones are not able to be contacted. Thank you

RSPCA Fundraising - Pyjama Day

The School Council today held a Pyjama Day in aid of the RSPCA as it is fun and something we can all enjoy in our bubbles.

Class 9 also held a bake sale for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children which they thoroughly enjoyed. Well done to everyone involved in raising money for this important charity.

R1 and R2 wearing their PJ's for Pyjama Day.



Year 6 School Journey

Year 6 have had a great week at Kingswood. They have enjoyed activities such as: leap of faith, nightline, Jacob's Ladder and fun team building exercises.

Another highlight was raft building; children worked in teams to build a raft and paddled it across the lake.

"I really enjoyed the leap of faith because it felt so rewarding when you completed it"....**Henry**

"I enjoyed Jacob's Ladder because we worked together to get higher by pulling each other up"....**Bede**

"Although it was cold, I loved building the raft and testing it out"....**Isla A**

"I enjoyed nightline because I felt that I could trust everyone and we were part of a team"....**Lucy**

A massive thank you to the six members of staff who lead the group.



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

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| Nursery | AM: Lilly | R1: Owen |
| | PM: Ava | R2: Lydia |

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for a fantastic dinosaur design with detailed decoration and an excellent sketch and design of a puppet in DT.

Well done to:

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| Class 1: Myla | Class 6: Georgia and Oliver |
| Class 2: Jackson | Class 7: Filip |
| Class 3: Lulu | Class 8: Jack |
| Class 4: Maya | Class 9: Wun Tin Yu |
| Class 5: Elisa | Class 10: Abyan |

Class 11 and Class 12 are all 'Stars of the Week' for being such superstars at Kingswood this week.

PE Days/Uniform

Looking ahead to the next academic year, the decision has been taken to continue with the children wearing their PE kit into school on PE Days.

Please also be reminded that there is a slight change to the uniform in Year 5 and Year 6 and all children must wear a shirt and tie to school and not polo tops as they do in the lower years.

Reminders and Updates

Lost Property

We have lots of items currently in our lost property. Notably, we have over 35 unnamed jumpers!

We also have several coats which have not been collected.

Any lost property not collected at the end of term will be donated to the second hand uniform shop or to charity.

Sitkins Name Labels

All clothing and belongings, including shoes, need to be clearly labelled. Named items can be returned to your child immediately and unnamed items go into the Lost Property tubs in the lobby by the office and are disposed of at the end of each month. You can order labels to stick on all possessions from Stikins via their website at www.stikins.co.uk. Our PTA receives commission for each order. Please use our school fundraising number of 14587. These labels are waterproof and hardwearing.

School Dinner Payments

As we are coming to the end of term, can we please request that school meals are paid for in good time to clear any outstanding debts. Balances can be viewed on School Grid. If you have any questions regarding school lunch balances, please contact the school office.



Northgate School Association

Congratulations to Emma Kitteridge who is this month's 250 Club winner and will shortly be over £500 richer!!