

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

10th July 2020

Headteacher's News

It has been great to welcome back our Year 3 and 4 this week for the final two weeks of term.

We are currently devising our plan for September based on the latest Government guidance. The majority of the measures that we have put in place this term will remain going forwards into the Autumn term.

Year group	Start time	End time
Reception	9.05	R1 3.10/ R2 3.15
Year 1	9.00	3.00
Year 2	8.55	3.05
Year 3	8.50	3.10
Year 4	8.45	3.15
Year 5	8.40	3.10
Year 6	8.45/8.50	C11 3.10 C12 3.15

Children will be given set gates to enter with staggered starts. We will send out further details of gates in early September before the children return to school on Friday 4th September.

Children, who will be working in their full classes, will be taught the full curriculum. The Autumn term will start with staggered play and lunchtimes, with each class allocated a zone to play in. Movement around the school will be limited and we will not have large groups together such as assemblies.

Initially school meals will be limited to home or school packed lunches that will be eaten in the classroom. The current provision for all children to benefit from free school packed lunches will no longer be in place for Years 3-6, but will continue for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The classrooms will continue to be set up with tables in rows with children using resources from their given packs.

To limit the number of adults within school, unfortunately we are still unable to welcome volunteers until further notice.

Stringent handwashing procedures and extra cleaning regimes will continue. Adults administering first aid will continue to wear basic PPE.

As our pupils have adapted so well to change this term, I am confident that they will adapt to school life in September. I know the staff are very much looking forward to working with their whole class once again.

Reminder that next week is the last week for all year groups.

On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July, Year 6 will be performing their socially distanced play at 'Northgate's Outdoor Theatre'.

Have a lovely weekend.

Important Dates - 2020/21

2nd-3rd Sept

Friday 4th Sept

Weds 21st Oct

26th - 30th Oct

Fri 18th Dec

Mon 4th Jan

15th-19th Feb

Fri 26th March

Mon 12th Apr

Mon 3rd May

31st May-4th Jun

Mon 7th June

Thurs 22nd July

INSET DAYS

Children Return to School

Happy School Bag Collection

October Half Term

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Children Return to School

February Half Term

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Children Return to School

May Bank Holiday

May Half Term

INSET DAY

End of Term at **2.00pm**

Community News

Virtual Fun Run

This year the Hatfield Broad Oak 10km fun run will be hosted virtually. The race starts on Friday 10th July, but you can run your 10k anytime between the 10th and the 20th July.

Run, walk, skip or gallop your way along any 10K or 5K route you choose and get the whole family involved with the kids 2k fun run.

Simply record your run using your favourite run tracking app or GPS watch and upload it to the finishers' gallery. All entrants get a Virtual 10K 2020 T-Shirt and Medal.

Funds raised will help support NHS frontline workers and the local primary school.

For more information visit [Lets Do This.com](https://letsdothis.com)



Flu Vaccine Nurses

During October and December our Flu Programme nurses attend all Primary schools in Hertfordshire to vaccinate against Flu. If you are a nurse looking for flexible work during term time hours, Vaccination UK are currently recruiting bank nurses to their school immunisation teams locally. Training and revalidation support is offered as part of this role, along with excellent rates of pay. Please see jobs.nhs.uk and search

School Library Books

Urgent Recall of School Library Books

If you still have any school library books or reading scheme books at home could you please ensure these are returned to the red box in the school reception area **by the end of term.**

We still have around 150 library books signed out to the children. All books will be quarantined for a sufficient period

Life In School - Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 3 back into school this week. They have adapted quickly and maturely to the changes around school and it has been lovely to see their smiles. This week, we have started writing letters to our new teachers. We have had lots of fun making 3D shapes in maths and creating cave paintings in art. The children have also investigated magnets and shown great sportsmanship in our Sports Day activities. We look forward to seeing them again next week.



Year 4

It has been wonderful to have our Year 4s back this week.



We spoke lots about what the children have been doing since they were last in school. To finish our work looking at the book 'How To Train Your Dragon', we all designed our own front cover for the book. We also wrote instructions to make the perfect teacher, produced watercolour dragons and competed in our Sports Day activities.

School Reports

School reports are being sent home this week, with the remainder to be finalised and sent home with the children next week. If your child is not in school please come to the school office reception area before school closes on Tuesday 21st July at 12pm, where they will be left for collection. As always, we welcome your feedback on our reports. Please send any comments to interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

School Association

CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Shillito who won our July 250 Club draw and will receive a cheque for £524! We are so lucky that we introduced the 250 Club when we did as this has meant we have been continuing to raise funds while our events haven't been able to go ahead. It is still unknown when we will be able to hold an event, and we will be relying on this and other smaller fundraising activities to be able to continue our work funding the necessary resources for the school. With only 131 numbers taken there's plenty of room for more of you to sign up so please do! Find the membership forms on our closed Facebook group (search for 'Northgate PTA Noticeboard') or email us at: ptanorthgate@gmail.com.

While our **second hand uniform shop** is unable to open we have set up a Facebook closed group for donating and purchasing second hand uniform. Here you can post items of uniform available to purchase, and also post a request for specific items. Payment is by direct transfer into the PTA account and you'll need to arrange collection/delivery between yourselves. We hope you will find this helpful and continue to support the PTA in this way. Follow the link at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3389688501064503/?ref=share#> = Many thanks - Your PTA

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Reception: R1: Poppy and Mia
R2: Bella and Jackson

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for excellent phonics work in Reception and excellent instructions on how to make the perfect teacher.

Well done to Classes:

CI1: Julia	CI5B: Alfie	CI9A: Zac
CI2: Maya	CI6A: Meriel	CI9B: Will
CI3A: Penelope	CI6B: Pixibelle	CI10A: Frank P
CI3B: Max	CI7A: Martha	CI10B: Frank C
CI4A: Monty	CI7B: Luke	CI11A: Charlie
CI4B: Toby/Olivia	CI8A: Gregor	CI11B: Elizabeth
CI5A: Yoana	CI8B: Izzy	CI12A: Thomas
		CI12B: Sophie F

School Clubs

Speech & Drama Club

Calling all creative kids! Speech & Drama Club has some spaces available for children from Years 1-6 from September. Age-related groups will run either in school at lunchtimes or online, in accordance with guidelines, with groups kept small so each child can benefit from individual attention. The focus is on vocal exercises, confidence-building games, creativity and improvisation, and performing poetry, prose and scenes from plays, all in a relaxed and friendly environment. There is also the opportunity for children to work towards LAMDA exams and presentations. If you're interested and would like further details, please contact Jacqueline Dearnley at jdearnley71@hotmail.com.

Home Learning

Aditi from Class 1 was inspired to write a get well soon card to the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, when he was diagnosed with Covid-19. Little did they know that she would get a thank you card in return. This has been a real highlight of lockdown for both Aditi and her family and she is looking forward to seeing everyone back in school in September.



Virtual Summer Activities for Art, Music, STEM, etc...

www.stem.org.uk/missionx - Just one of their STEM activities, Mission X focuses on fitness and nutrition and encourages children to train like an astronaut.

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise - a range of free, fun and simple online music resources that can be used flexibly at home.

www.silysquad.org.uk - This summer reading challenge is now up and running and is FREE for children and their families to develop and enjoy reading.

www.tate.org.uk/kids - The Tate are re-opening their galleries to the public on 27th July. In the meantime visit Tate Kids for lots of online art activities.