

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

April 26th 2019

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and managed to enjoy the great weather. We look forward to seeing many of you at the sessions next week where adults can come in and participate in some pre-writing activities with your children. See the Important Dates List opposite.

This term all the National Assessments will take place. The Year 2 assessments are taken in small groups across the month of May. These are called 'quizzes' by the teachers and are kept as low key and non-stressful as possible for the children. The Year 6 assessments start on the 13th May and are more formal with the children completing them in exam conditions. Please see the attached leaflet containing some very useful information for parents about SATs.

Other year groups will be completing assessments towards the end of May. Please make sure that your child makes the best of this key learning time by arriving at school on time and ensuring he/she does not miss school unless absolutely necessary. Also please ensure, if possible, that appointments are made after school. We greatly appreciate your support. Have a good weekend.

International Week

International Week will be taking place from **Tuesday 4th June to Friday 7th June**.

During this week the children will learn about cultures and languages from different countries around the world.

Parents will be welcome to run or assist with workshops about food, dance, languages, music, history, geography and religion from international countries.

Also, we would welcome parents to come in and talk about their own home country during this week to either a year group or as part of a Foundation/KS1 or KS2 assembly.

If you are able to help with either of the above, please contact Miss Adams or the school office.

Nursery Acceptance Deadline

Please accept your offer for a Nursery place in September by the deadline of next **Wednesday, 1st May 2019**.

Safeguarding

The latest Herts for Learning eSafety Newsletter for parents is attached. Please take a look as it provides very useful information regarding current eSafety news and tips. This term it includes information on the 'O2 NSPCC Parents vs Children quiz' which is a really fun way for the whole family to learn together about staying safe. Also 'Jessie & Friends' - a new resource following their adventures online, including videos, pictures and games.

Important Dates

29th Apr-3rd May 2.50pm Writing Activities with Parents:

Mon 29th Apr	LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
Tues 30th Apr	UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Wed 1st May	KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Fri 3rd May	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
Tues 1st May	Nursery Acceptance Deadline
Tues 1st May	Start of KS1 SATs
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 9th May	2.30pm (TBC) Yr 5 Instrumental Concert

13th - 16th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 17th May	2.30pm (TBC) Yr 4 Instrumental Concert

Wed 22nd May	Yr 6 Crucial Crew
Thurs 23rd May	2.30pm (TBC) Yr 3 Instrumental Concert

Half term 27th - 31st May 2019

Mon 3rd Jun	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun	Children Return to School
4th - 8th Jun	International Week
Sat 8th June	Association Summer Ball
10th - 14th Jun	Year 6 School Journey
Fri 21st Jun	Yr 2 Music Festival
26th Jun	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 5th July	Sports Day

8th - 12th July 9.00am

Mon 8th July	KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
Wed 10th July	UKS2 (Yrs 5 & 6)
Thurs 11th July	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
Fri 12th July	LKS2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
11th Jul	Move Up Morning
15th - 19th July	Yr 6 Bikeability
Tues 16th July	Art Day
Thurs 18th July	Takeover Day
Mon 22nd July	9.05am Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 23rd Jul	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th Jul	Occasional Day

Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Sep INSET DAYS

Wed 4th Sep	Children Return to School
15th Oct	Happy School Bag Collection
3rd Dec	Happy School Bag Collection

Mon 1st Jun 2020 INSET DAY

*Red = New Item

Enriching the Curriculum

Football

Yesterday a team of Year 4 boys took part in the K.A.S. Football Festival. In our first match against Summercroft, Sam B scored twice and then Beck C added two more goals to secure a 4-0 victory. In our second game against St Joseph's, the team put in amazing effort but unfortunately we were beaten 2-1. A cracking goal by Beck in our third game against Thorn Grove secured our place in the semi-finals with a final score of 1-0.



In the semi-final we faced a really strong team from Manor Fields. The boys kept battling even after Manor Fields scored twice in quick succession. Despite some fantastic chances we were beaten by worthy opponents 2-0.

In the play-offs we played Little Hallingbury in a nail-biting match. With the score at 1-1 at the final whistle, the game went to penalties. Captain Sam B decided on the penalty takers. Goals were matched for two rounds and then Will C made an epic save. Frank P stepped up and smashed the ball into the net taking Northgate to victory. Overall Northgate came a brilliant third from 11 teams. The team were a real credit to the school and showed great sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour. I was very proud to accompany them.

Mrs Eaton

Thank you from the school to Mr Eaton for his support at the football match.

Dance Competition

On Wednesday, 10 year 2 girls and boys joined other schools in Bishops Stortford and took part in a dance production with a Disney theme at Birchwood High School. The children were divided into 3 groups, were taught a dance routine to a Disney song and were able to get to know the children from the other schools.

Finally, one by one, each group performed their piece in front of their parents/carers and siblings. There were lots of smiles all round. They all worked very hard and this showed in the beautiful work they produced. The children were a pleasure to be with and a credit to Northgate.

Mrs Wilson

Reminders and Updates

School Dinners

Please can you ensure that you have made payment for this half term's school dinners. **Payment must be made in advance** of your child having the meals. You can make payment half termly, monthly or weekly but please can you ensure that you remain in credit. Payment is to be made on School Gateway.

This half terms costings are:

Dinners every day = £57.50

Dinners on Wednesday and Fridays = £25.00

Dinner on just Wednesdays or just Fridays = £12.50.

If you think you may be in credit or are unsure of what to pay, charge forecast letters were sent out at the end of last term.

If you wish to change your child's meal pattern, please give **one week's notice** as the kitchen order their food a week in advance.

Glue Sticks

We are sorry to have to ask again but if you are able to send your child in with a named glue stick we would be very grateful. Thank you to those parents who have already done so.

We are no longer collecting milk bottle tops. Thank you to all those who collected them.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Rory

R1: Max

PM: Emma

R2: Luca

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for challenging themselves and for their perseverance.

Well done to:

Class 1: Theo T

Class 6: Mya

Class 2: Oliver

Class 7: Sam

Class 3: Felicity

Class 8: Kimball

Class 4: Jack

Class 9: Charlie

Class 5: Ruby

Class 10: Ella

Mrs Clynes/Mrs Crumpler's Maths Group: Elliot

Mrs Gitto's Maths Group: Archie

Mr Inkley's Maths Group: Rosie

School Association

Association News

It's just a month until our Summer Fundraising Ball on Saturday, 8th June. This is our main fundraising event of the summer term - there will be **no summer fayre** this year - so it would be really great to sell out so we can raise as much money as possible. There are still tables available. If you'd like to go but don't have a group of 10 then don't worry, we have other partial tables we can join together with you and promise you'll have a fabulous evening. We need to finalise numbers very soon so please get in touch with Mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk or topbanana74@hotmail.com for more information and booking details.

Our next committee meeting is next Thursday, 2nd May at 7:30pm in the staff room and everyone is welcome to attend and contribute to the discussions. There's a full agenda this month!

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions for the PTA but can't make the meeting then feel free to email ptanorthgate@gmail.com or contact a member of the committee via the school office.

Speech & Drama Club

Calling all creative kids! Speech & Drama Club has some spaces available this term. Age-related classes run at lunchtimes and groups are 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/or group presentations. If you're interested and would like further details, please contact Jacqueline Dearnley at jdearnley71@hotmail.com

Football Club - Reception—Year 2

Tim Moylette runs a football club after school on Mondays and has a couple of spaces available. If you child is interested in this club please email him at timmoylette@ntlworld.com