

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

March 20th 2020

# **Headteacher's News**

What a week! Our thoughts go out to all the families who are going through difficult times with their health.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this week and for my amazing staff who have really pulled together in a very challenging week.

The school will be closed from Monday, except for some keyworker's children, and the children should be completing home learning. I suggest this is completed in the morning as children normally find it easier to focus. The children will benefit from a quiet learning environment, preferably working at a table. It will be at your child's advantage if you try to follow the weekly schedule provided by class teachers.

We wish you all good health during these difficult times.

## Coronavirus

#### Key Workers

Schools will be running a skeleton staff for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Please see our letter sent out earlier today for further information.

#### Home Learning Packs/Reading Books

Home learning packs, home learning books and extra reading books have been sent home in preparation for the school closure. If your child does not yet have their pack, please arrange for these to be collected from the School Office as soon as possible. Work will be uploaded to eschools on Monday and mathletics work is also available. In order to clear previously set homework, please logon as your child, go to 'homework', go into each piece of homework and mark each piece as submitted. This will clear previous work and allow you to easily see new work set. As a school we are only set up for simple online functions, therefore we will be providing answers on eschools to support their learning.

## <u>Twinkl</u>

To support you during this period, Twinkl is offering access to parents and carers. Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS. For appropriately aged reading books please visit www.lovereading4schools.co.uk/lists/11268/.

### **PSHE - Living in the Wider World**

As part of the topic "Caring for our Community", children in year 4 and 5 have being connecting with our local community safely. To support the mental wellbeing of the over 70s in isolation, in a care home setting, the children have been creating puzzle books, making Easter cards and writing letters. The children have really embraced the task with some lovely pieces being created.

# EVERY CHILD EVERY CHANCE • EVERY DAY

# **Important Dates**

Mon 20th April Fri 8th May 25th-29th May Mon 1st June Sat 6th June Tues 2nd June 8th-12th June Fri 3rd July Tues 21st July 2nd-3rd Sept Friday 4th Sept 26th-30th Oct Mon 2nd Nov Children Return to School Bank Holiday (moved for VE day) Half Term INSET DAY PTA Summer Fayre Children Return to School Year 6 School Journey Sports Day End of Term at 2.00pm INSET DAYS Children Return to School Half Term INSET DAY

## **Celebration of Achievements**

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Ella	R1: Alfie
	PM: Tobias	R2: Joshua

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on History and Geography.

Well done to:

Class 1:	Aditi	Class	7:	Saffron
Class 2:	Roisin	Class	8:	Dylan
Class 3:	Abigail	Class	9:	Megan
Class 4:	Rose	Class 2	10:	Carolina and Alice
Class 5:	Jasper	Class 2	11:	Daisy
Class 6:	Aaron	Class 2	12:	Sophie F

Mrs Pursglove's Sport Star of the week is Oliver in Class 10 for excellent commitment and showing skills in tag rugby.

## Safeguarding

## NSPCC Adult Helpline

We would like to remind our staff and parents about the existence of the NSPCC Adult Helpline, especially at a time like this when you or your children might be feeling particularly vulnerable. Their details are as follows:

0808 800 5000

## help@nspcc.org.uk

Both Childline and the NSPCC Adult Helpline, along with charities such as Mind, will be kept going during this time, so please take advantage of their services which are a vital source of support and information.