

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

December 10th 2021

## Headteacher's News

Christmas came to key stage 1 this week!

We had some wonderful performances from our year 1 and year 2 this week. The children worked incredibly hard learning their lines, songs and dances for their nativity. We were extremely proud of them! Our sincere thanks to all the parents for their support, particularly with supplying costumes, and to our fantastic key stage 1 staff who worked very hard to put the productions together.



It was with regret that we have had to make changes to next week's Christmas events. The Nursery and key stage 2 events will now be recorded and posted on Google Classrooms.

However, we are delighted that the children will now be performing some live, socially distanced, Christmas carols outside next week (weather dependent). Thank you to the parent who suggested this idea to replace our usual church carol concert.

Year 5 and 6 will be singing carols in full voice on Thursday, and on Friday Year 3 and 4 will put you in the Christmas spirit with their singing. For these year groups, parents are invited to come to the top of the playground at 2.55pm via the main gate, not the side gate on Cricketfield Lane. Please ensure social distancing is observed with people who are not in your household. Please wear masks while on school grounds. The children will then perform their songs in a way that we hope is safe for our community.

Please check that you have your child's Google Classroom login. If you are unable to access Google Classroom, please let the office know before the end of term. We need to be prepared as we don't know what will happen in the New Year!

Have a lovely weekend.

## Coats in School

Please ensure your child comes into school with a coat every day, In particular during next week as the children will be spending time outside, walking to the pantomime, etc.

Thank you.

## Important Dates - 2021/22

Mon 13th Dec	Yr3-6 Visit to Pantomime (Southmill Arts)
Tues 14th Dec	Yr1-2 Pantomime Company (in school)
Tues 14th Dec	Reception-Yr2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 15th Dec	Yr 3-6 Christmas Lunch
<b>Thurs 16th Dec</b>	<b>Year 5 and 6 Carols in the playground</b>
<b>Fri 17th Dec</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4 Carols in the playground</b>
Mon 20th Dec	PTA Break the Rules Day
<b>Mon 20th Dec</b>	<b>End of Term at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Tues 21st Dec</b>	<b>Jubilee Occasional Day</b>
<b>Weds 5th Jan</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
14th-18th Feb	February Half Term
<b>Mon 21st Feb</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Weds 2nd March	Happy School Bag Collection
Fri 1st April	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Tues 19th April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>May 2022</b>	<b>Year 2 SATs</b>
<b>9th-12th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs week</b>
30th May-3rd Jun	May Half Term
<b>Mon 6th June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
7th-10th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
7th-24th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thurs 30th June	Happy School Bag Collection
Thurs 21st July	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding



Please find the latest parents' e-safety newsletter from Hertfordshire attached with this week's newsletter, containing lots of useful advice about keeping your family safe online.

One of the latest online safety campaigns to have been released highlights the importance of setting up parental controls on children's devices ahead of the festive season.

Take a look at the news article: [Internet Matters](#).

## Pupil Covid Isolation

Due to the continually rising number of Covid cases, and in order to protect our school community, we would kindly request that if there is a confirmed case in your household, or if your child has been contacted by test and trace, that children are kept at home until they have received a negative PCR result. The period of time taken for the result to arrive will be marked as an authorised absence.

Our priority is to keep as many children as possible in school while protecting our whole school community.

Thank you for your support.

## Year 2 Christmas Production

We are so proud of Year 2 for their fabulous performances of 'The Late Angel' this week. On the day, they didn't disappoint, and the audience was treated to a dazzling show full of busy angels, tired travellers, foolish wise men and cheeky sheep!

We want to give a special mention to Poppy, who took on so many extra lines at the last minute and performed them wonderfully. We are grateful for all the fantastic costumes you provided, and for all your support in helping the children learning their lines.

Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Pratt and Mrs Stephens



## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Antonio

R1: Ava

R2: George

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on showing resilience.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for an amazing performance in their Christmas play despite last minute changes and for persevering with independent writing and maths quizzes.

Well done to:

Class 1: Lena

Class 7: Susie

Class 2: Noah

Class 8: Martha

Class 3: Alex

Class 9: Elena

Class 4: Poppy

Class 10: Leanne

Class 5: Orla

Class 11: Lewis

Class 6: Bohuslava

Class 12: Charlie

## Year 1 - 'Magic of Christmas'

The Year 1 team would like to say a big well done to all the children for their performance in the Christmas production. We are so proud of how hard they worked and to see their confidence grow during rehearsals.



Class 1

Class 2

Miss Crowe, Mrs Aziz and Mrs Port

## Reminders and Updates

**Library Books** Could you please make sure that library books issued to children in years 3 to 6 are returned to school next week in order for the library to undertake a stock take ready for the new term.

**Absence - Appointments** Absence requests should be made at least 10 days in advance and preferably as soon you know that you need to take your child out of school. Absences reported to us with less than 48 hours notice should be emailed to [absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk).

Please note that absences are dealt with by the School Office and therefore notification of all absences must be sent to them and not to the class or senior leaders.

**Change to Pick Up Arrangements** Please send a note into class with your child to inform them of a change to pick up.

## Northgate School Association

We hope all the children have a wonderful time at their Christmas dinner next week. Your PTA has funded crackers, colourful tablecloths and even squash to make it that little more special!

Our children will also be enjoying pantomimes next week, all funded by your PTA! Thank you for your ongoing support with our events.

Talking of events, we just want to remind you of Break the Rules day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. This is always a fun day for all. So please see our poster attached to see what rules can be broken! We kindly suggest a donation of 50p for every rule broken. We hope you have lots of fun.

Thanks as always.

Geri Wren and Jo Parrott, Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs

## Nursery - Elf Making

The children in Nursery had a wonderful time creating stained glass window lanterns, snowmen, gingerbread men and Christmas tree decorations this week.



## Christmas Cards

This year, the children will be able to deliver Christmas cards to each other in school and the Christmas Post Box will be available until Tuesday 14th December. Cards will then be distributed following a 72 hour quarantine period.

