

# Northgate Primary School Newsletter

January 7th 2022

## Headteacher's News

A 'Happy New Year' to everyone and a huge thank you from all the staff for the gifts and warm wishes sent for Christmas. I hope you had an enjoyable and healthy break. My thoughts are with all of you who had challenging Christmases. My family and I had Covid over the holidays so are aware of its impact.

Welcome back to Mr Wilcox who is teaching in Year 3 for 2 terms. Welcome to Miss Newman and Mr George who are working in Year 1 and 2 for the next 2 terms.

We are delighted to have started the school term with just a handful of positive cases among the children. However, for the first 2 days we had 20% of our class teachers off. We are determined to try to continue with face to face teaching this term so we need to keep our community safe. Please help us by;

- Wearing masks on site.
- Not coming into the office unless it is an emergency. There is a postbox outside the office for paperwork.
- If you are a volunteer in school, you must take a lateral flow test before the school.
- Taking regular lateral flow tests as a family so you can quickly identify a family member with Covid.

Are you a teacher, currently not working, and would consider doing some short term supply work this term? At the end of this term, and this week, we have struggled to find supply teachers. If you would be interested in supporting the school in this way please contact [secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:secretary.pa@northgate.herts.sch.uk). Also, if you are interested in casual lunchtime work, we would be interested in hearing from you.

Hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

## Fundraising

We are delighted to share that the Northgate Primary School community raised over £450.00 last half term.

£324.97 will be shared between the Isabel Hospice and Save the Children Fund, and a further £145.15 was raised selling poppies for the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day.

Thank you for all of your generous donations.

## Safeguarding

### Mobile Phone Safety

Did your child receive a mobile phone for Christmas? EE have designed an online game on how to use a mobile phone safely. Visit <https://eephonesmart.co.uk/online-safety-tips> for more information.

### Playground Apparatus

Children must not play on the playground apparatus under any circumstances. There have been accidents in the past and we appreciate your co-operation.

## Important Dates - 2021/22

Weds 12th Jan	9am Class 5 Meet the Teacher (playground gazebo)
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>

## Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Eleanor

R1: Heidi

R2: Willow

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on having a positive attitude.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for an positive start to 2022 and for showing resilience with new learning concepts and always trying their best.

Well done to:

Class 1: Mya

Class 7: Mekhi

Class 2: Lara

Class 8: Daisy

Class 3: Amber

Class 9: Jeevan

Class 4: Melly

Class 10: Poppy

Class 5: Ivy

Class 11: Toby

Class 6: Lauren

Class 12: Diogo



## School Clubs

**Bishop's Stortford Lawn Tennis Club (BSLTC)** are hoping to run their lunchtime tennis clubs for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 this term. If you would like to sign up please see the flyer attached to this email for more information.

### Mini Mantras Yoga

Mini Mantras will return to school next Thursday for Rachel's popular yoga sessions. The sessions will run from 13th January to 31st March at 3:15pm-4:15pm for Reception, years 1 and 2 and at 4:30pm-5:30pm for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. £6 per class/£66 for the 11 week term. Please email [minimantrasyoga@gmail.com](mailto:minimantrasyoga@gmail.com) to book a space.

### ComputerXplorers

ComputerXplorers are running their club in school this term for years 4, 5 and 6 on BBC Micro:bit. Further information can be found in the attached flyer.