

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

April 22nd 2022

Headteacher's News

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and managed to enjoy the great weather.

Congratulations to all of our football teams who have been competing at Howe Green School this week in the K.A.S. Football Festival. Northgate have had a hugely successful season - well done to every player involved and to all the parents for their support throughout the season.

We have a busy summer term ahead, with many special events and themed days organised. We are planning Jubilee celebrations at the end of this half term. Your child's termly letter will contain more details regarding dates and key information about the term.

This week we introduced 'inclusiveness' as our assembly value for this half term and reflected on what this means. We also introduced the new learning power - Independent Enquirer Elephant which includes identifying questions to answer and problems to solve, setting up your own investigations, using your initiative and exploring issues.

This term we have the return to the **National Assessments** for Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 pupils. **Please do not book holiday during these weeks** as the participation of all children in school is incredibly important in order to accurately target their learning.

Year 1 - Phonics screening check week will take place during the week commencing **Tuesday 7th June** and children will complete this 1-to-1 with their class teacher.

Year 2 - SATs will take place throughout **May 2022**. These assessments are taken in small groups across the month of May. They are called 'quizzes' by the teachers and are kept as low key and non-stressful as possible for the children. Additionally, pupils who did not meet the expected standard in the autumn 2021 assessments in phonics will re-take this check during the week commencing **Tuesday 7th June**.

Year 4 - The multiplication tables check is statutory for all year 4 pupils and will take place in small groups from the **7th to 24th June**.

Year 6 - SATs will take place between **Monday 9th** and **Thursday 12th May** and are more formal with the children completing them in exam conditions.

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. We greatly appreciate your support with this.

Have a good weekend.

Important Dates - 2021/22

May 2022

9th-12th May

Thurs 19th May

Fri 20th May

Thurs 26th May

Fri 27th May

30th May-3rd Jun

Mon 6th June

Thurs 9th June

7th-10th June

7th-24th June

Sat 11th June

W/cm 13th June

Thurs 16th June

20th to 24th June

Thurs 30th June

W/cm 18th July

Thurs 21st July

1st-2nd Sept

Monday 5th Sept

***Red = New Item / Change to Item**

Year 2 SATs

Year 6 SATs week

Year 5 Instrumental Concert

PTA Film Night

Year 6 Instrumental Concert

Queen's Jubilee Lunch
(wear red, white and blue)

May Half Term

INSET DAY

Year 4 Instrumental Concert

Year 1 Phonics Week

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

PTA Summer Fayre

Father's Day Shop

Year 3 Instrumental Concert

Year 6 School Journey

Happy School Bag Collection

PTA Ice Cream Sales

End of Term at **2.00pm**

INSET DAYS

Children Return to School

Ukrainian Families in Bishop's Stortford

All children and young people arriving in England from Ukraine via the family or sponsorship routes have the right to access education and childcare (for children below compulsory school age) whilst in the UK.

The best place for all school-age children to be educated is in schools, and attending school is vital to help newly arrived children integrate as quickly as possible into the communities in which they are living.

Any families returning to or moving to the UK should speak to the local authority [school admission team](#) for information on how to apply for a school place. Local authorities should support parents in choosing schools, which includes providing information on where schools have vacancies and how to apply. UK based school age rules will apply to families arriving from Ukraine too.

Safeguarding

As we start the new term, please can we remind **all** parents and carers to park safely and considerately outside school and within neighbouring roads during school pickup and drop off times.

Please ensure that the school car park gates are not blocked at any time as this is the only access point for emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your co-operation.

School Meal Increase and Changes to Menu

Hertfordshire Catering have increased the cost of school dinners to **£2.88 per day from Tuesday 19th April**. This applies to children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6). Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are still eligible for free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. Please can you make payment on School Gateway in advance of your child taking any meals. You can pay in advance monthly or weekly, but please ensure that you are always in credit for your child's meals.

If your family has a low income, you may be eligible for financial assistance while your children are at school.

For more information and to apply please click [here](#).

Herts Catering menus have now changed to their Summer 2022 menu.



Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: Maximilian and Connor

R1: Gabriel

R2: Audra



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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their work, including approaching every task with diligence and enthusiasm and for determination and positivity when making a cam mechanism work in DT.

Well done to:

Class 1: Teddy M

Class 7: Harry

Class 2: Mason

Class 8: Alexandra

Class 3: Lilian

Class 9: Maisy

Class 4: Melly

Class 10: Jasper M

Class 5: Bea

Class 11: Mya

Class 6: Elijah

Class 12: Aleya

Reminders and Updates

Lost Property Our lost property tubs are full of unnamed jumpers, cardigans and PE kit. If you are missing any uniform, hats, gloves or scarves, please come to the Reception area to look through and claim any items. Any unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of the school day on Friday 29th April.

Herts Catering Deliveries Please accept our apologies and thanks for your patience for late notices changes to the menu which has been affected by recent delivery issues.

K.A.S. Football Festival

On Thursday and Friday this week, Northgate entered several teams into the K.A.S. Football Festival held at Howe Green School in Great Hallingbury.

On Thursday morning, one of our two Year 4 teams were victorious and took home the winners trophy!

Our Year 6 girls teams played incredibly well on Thursday afternoon and placed 3rd.

Finally, we had two Year 5 and 6 teams playing on Friday morning who fought valiantly against strong competition.

Huge congratulations to all of our Northgate School football players who have played exceptionally well throughout the season and to the parents who have supported them.



Bishop's Stortford Food Bank

If you are in need of food or fuel assistance, the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank may be able to help you. In the first instance you will need a voucher which can be obtained by contacting Citizen's Advice on their Adviceline (Monday - Friday 10am to 4pm) **0800 144 8848** or via their Message Line (anytime) **01920 459 944** (you will need to leave a message and they will contact you) or you can visit their website [CAB](#) for more information.

Northgate School Association

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed some much needed downtime.

Second Hand Uniform

On behalf of the PTA, a huge thank you to our Second Hand Uniform shop volunteers; we raised £200 last term. There are lots of summer uniform items available every Friday in the school office.

Amazon Smile

Thanks to the parents, PTA committee and trustee members who have signed up, we have made some money for the PTA using Amazon Smile.

We would urge you to join us, it's really easy! AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk or search **smile** through your Amazon App and select Northgate School Association (Hertfordshire) as your chosen charity.

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Summer Fayre

We continue to work behind the scenes to organise the Summer Fayre.

As mentioned (a lot!), we are unable to run these events without the support of volunteers. As much or as little time as you can give will really help us make this an afternoon to remember. **Please complete the parent questionnaire [here](#) to support us!**

We are urgently trying to secure a **Pizza Cart company**. If you, or anyone you know, provides this service please contact us on ptanorthgate@gmail.com.

We hope the children enjoyed their first week back at school. Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Geri Wren and Jo Parrott

Your Northgate PTA Co-Chairs