

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

November 27th 2020

Headteacher's News

As the national lockdown comes to an end, we would like to thank parents for complying with the guidelines to help keep our school community safe. We are delighted that we have not had to shut a bubble so our pupils have continued learning in school. We send our best wishes to Mrs Pratt who has been signed off work once more.

We wish to keep our curriculum as engaging as possible, despite not being able to go on our usual trips. Therefore, next week in key stage 2, the children will be participating in a House History Quiz. The quiz will focus on the skills and knowledge children learn in key stage 2, i.e., Romans, Greeks, the Battle of Hastings, Victorians, WW1 and WW2. The first round is multiple choice to allow all children to access it, and the winners from each house in each class will participate in the House final next Friday. Good luck everyone!

We hope to encourage festive cheer this year in a safe and socially distanced way. Therefore, children will be able to deliver Christmas cards to children in their own class only. Class post boxes will be available from Monday 7th December.

I wish to thank Miss Hartley for editing our 'virtual tour' we have created. The link is on our website and will allow prospective parents a glimpse of our fantastic school.

Hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Class Email Addresses

As we are no longer using eschools, class email addresses have been created in order to enable parents and carers to contact class teachers with non-urgent queries or information.

nursery@northgate.herts.sch.uk
r1@northgate.herts.sch.uk
r2@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class1@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class2@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class3@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class4@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class5@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class6@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class7@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class8@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class9@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class10@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class11@northgate.herts.sch.uk
class12@northgate.herts.sch.uk

If you have more urgent information or queries relating to the current or next day, please continue to contact the School Office using the admin email address: admin@northgate.herts.sch.uk.

Important Dates - 2020/21

Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper/Elf Day Isabel Hospice
Mon 14th Dec	Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch
Tues 15th Dec	Lower KS2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 16th Dec	Upper KS2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 16th Dec	School virtual Christmas videos released
Thurs 17th Dec	Winning House Non-Uniform Day
Fri 18th Dec	PTA - Break the Rules Day
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 4th Jan	Children Return to School
15th-19th Feb	February Half Term
Mon 22nd Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 23rd Feb	Children Return to School
Fri 26th March	End of Term at 2.00pm
Mon 12th Apr	Children Return to School
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
10th-13th May	KS2 SATs week
May 2021	KS1 SATs
31st May-4th Jun	May Half Term
Mon 7th June	INSET DAY
Tues 8th June	Children Return to School
7th-11th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening and Yr 2 Retakes
7th-18th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Tests
Weds 21st July	End of Term at 2.00pm
Thurs 22nd July	OCCASIONAL DAY

*Red = New Item / Change to Item

Giving as part of Five Ways to Wellbeing.

The focus of our recent wellbeing week was Five Ways to Wellbeing.

As the 'giving' aspect of this, Mrs Leeks took a group of pupils to Conewood Manor Nursing Home this morning, to hang all the colourful hands, hearts and houses that the children had decorated.



The children braved the cold, damp weather and decorated one of the home's gardens; placing hands and hearts in the trees, bushes and along the length of the picket fence, while residents watched on from their rooms.

We had so many beautifully coloured and designed hands that we had extras which we were able to stick directly on to windows for the residents to see up close.

When we left the hands were fluttering in the breeze and the garden looked wonderful. The staff and residents were so pleased with the effort from everyone at Northgate.



Covid-19

Face Masks in School

We are very grateful to all parents and carers who have been co-operating with our request to wear face masks during school pick up and drop off and while they are on school grounds.

Please could we ask for your continued support with wearing a mask while you are in school, regardless of the time of day, in order to protect our whole school community from the continued risk of transmission in our local area.

After School Clubs

Following the latest Government announcement, we are delighted to be able to reinstate our after school clubs from Wednesday 2nd December.

All of our club leaders have been informed and they will be in touch with individual families with further information as appropriate.

Thank you for your patience during the recent suspension of clubs in line with government guidance.

Northgate School Association

Create Your Own Christmas Decorations

To make a change from the usual tea towels and Christmas cards, the Little Arts Workshop have selected a few of their most popular items (mugs, plates and hanging decorations) and put them together with our paint at home kits for you to create a long lasting keepsake or gift. For every item purchased, Northgate will receive 15% back so not only will you have a fun family activity, but you are supporting a local cause at the same time.



Please follow the instructions and only use our specialist pottery paints. All your painted creations will be returned to us for professionally glazing and firing in our kiln before returning back to you.

Please place all orders online by 2nd December so we can get the blank items delivered to you by the 4th. They will be collected on the 11th December for guaranteed delivery before the end of term. [Little Arts Workshop](#)

Real Christmas Trees

Squires of Stansted will donate £5 to our PTA for every tree a parent buys from them. They are located in the grounds of Sworders Fine Art Auctioneers on Cambridge Road, Stansted CM24 8GE and are open between 9.30 and 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and 10.00 to 4.00pm on a Sunday.



Big Raffle

Tickets for the PTA Big Raffle are nearly all gone but you still have time to enter. Each ticket will be entered into **ALL 12 draws** between 7th and 18th December, **each with a jackpot of £5,000**. 50% of ticket sales go directly to the PTA. Enter online. [Big PTA Raffle](#)

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Chloe R1: Autumn
PM: Phoebe R2: Henry H

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for fantastic research and knowledge of Neil Armstrong's space walk and WW1.

Well done to:

Class 1: Mia	Class 7: Jasper
Class 2: Amber	Class 8: George
Class 3: Isla M	Class 9: Jack
Class 4: Vito	Class 10: Annabel
Class 5: Mekhi	Class 11: Imogen L
Class 6: Stanley	Class 12: Ryan

Reminders and Updates

School Photos

The recent school photographs are available to use as Christmas gifts. We have attached more information on how to order and order deadline information to this email.

Coats

It is now very important that all children bring a coat into school with them every day. The temperature has dropped significantly and the children will be outside every day unless there is heavy rain. Thank you.

Forgotten Items

Unfortunately, in order to limit the movement of staff around the school, and to maintain the safety of class bubbles, only essential forgotten items such as medicine or glasses can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Covid-Test Results

If you receive a test result for your child out of school hours, please notify us as soon as possible by emailing absence@northgate.herts.sch.uk. This email account is regularly monitored for important information.

School Christmas Dinners

The kitchen will once again be providing the children with Christmas dinner this year, during the last week of term.

All year groups will eat their meals in the dining room, a year group at a time, and to accommodate this the Christmas dinners will be spread out over 3 days as shown in the calendar dates.

On the days that your child is **not** having their Christmas dinner, you can either order the cold option of a cheese roll, or send in a packed lunch from home.

Please go onto School Grid as soon as possible and book Christmas dinner or a cheese roll on the appropriate days for your child(ren).

More information regarding allergy information, etc. will be sent out shortly.