

December 6th 2019

## Headteacher's News

Christmas is a time of joy and that joy was shared by the Foundation Stage when they performed their version of the Christmas Story on Thursday. The children displayed an impressive range of skills with their singing, dancing and narrating in their production of 'Away in a Manger.' We were really proud of them! Many thanks to all the parents for their support, particularly with supplying costumes, and to our fantastic Foundation Stage staff who put the production together.

We were delighted to have three Ugandan teachers to visit, two of whom were ex pupils of our link school, **Namutumba**. Our school council took a leading role and have written all about the visit. Thank you to Miss Nolan for her work arranging this for us. This is a time of year where the children are getting tired and are more vulnerable to illness. Please remember that sleep is a key ingredient to good learning, behaviour and overall wellbeing. We have had several children with sickness bugs. Please remember that if they have been sick they need to be off school for 48 hours—it is important to stop the bugs spreading.

There are still lots more festive activities so please check dates and emails regularly.  
Have a lovely weekend.

## Enriching the Curriculum

On Monday morning, teachers from our linked school in Uganda came to visit us and the children and the school council had the opportunity to speak to them and to ask them questions about their school and how it works.



We talked about subjects such as whether their students go home for lunch. We found out each student has a bowl of porridge for lunch and their days last 9 and a half hours. Some of the similarities we have are that we learn the same curriculum and they have school assemblies.



They have told us that they need to provide kids with seats and desks as well as needing extra toilets. We will be looking at different ways we can help fund raise for them over the rest of the year and have donated the money raised during International Week in June.

## Important Dates

Mon 9th Dec	2.45pm Yr 3 & 4 Work Sharing
Mon 9th Dec	10am-11am Nursery AM Christmas Singing Concert
Mon 9th Dec	2pm-3pm Nursery PM Christmas Singing Concert
Tues 10th Dec	7pm Choir (Y5/6) concert at St Michaels
Weds 11th Dec	2.15pm/6pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thurs 12th Dec	2.45pm REC Work Sharing
Fri 13th Dec	9am Volunteer Coffee Morning
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 16th Dec	2.45pm Yr 2 Work Sharing
Mon 16th Dec	Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch
Tues 17th Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Weds 18th Dec	2.50pm Yr 1 Work Sharing
Weds 18th Dec	KS2 Rhodes Panto Trip
Weds 18th Dec	KS1 Panto - in school
Thurs 19th Dec	KS2 St Michael's Church carol service 2pm start - 3pm pick up from church End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
Fri 20th Dec	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Mon 6th Jan	2.15pm SENCO Parent Workshop
Weds 15th Jan	School Discos KS1 5pm, KS2 6.45pm
Fri 7th Feb	Half Term
17th-21st Feb	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 24th Feb	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Tues 25th Feb	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
Fri 3rd April	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Mon 20th April	<b>Yr 2 SATs</b>
May 2020	<b>Bank Holiday (moved for VE day)</b>
Fri 8th May	<b>Yr 6 SAT's week</b>
11th-15th May	Half Term
25th-29th May	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 1st June	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Tues 2nd June	Year 6 School Journey
8th-12th June	Yr 1 Phonics Week
8th-12th June	Yr 4 Times Tables Tests
8th-26th June	End of Term at <b>2.00pm</b>
Tues 21st July	

\*Red = New Item / Change to Item

## Safeguarding

Children's mental health is vitally important and how parents communicate and relate to each other is increasingly recognized as a primary influence on children's long-term mental health and future life chances.

Not all conflict is damaging, but where this is frequent, intense and poorly resolved, it can harm children's outcomes.

It might be useful to visit the Herts webpage with information for parents about relationships and where to go for local and online help: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentrelationships](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentrelationships)

# Northgate Primary School

## Newsletter

### Enriching the Curriculum

#### Cricket

We played Rapid Fire Cricket for the school this week and the first game was against Hillmead. Unfortunately we didn't win on this occasion although we tried our best.

The next match we played was against Spellbrook and we won thanks to our fantastic players. Our next match was a tight one and we played Furneux Pelham, but impressively we won this game.

The last game was against Windhill21 which was probably our hardest game. Overall we came second which is great.

Thank you to Mr Doolan for being there to support us.

### Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery	AM: Dylan	R1: Zak
	PM: Lydia	R2: Amber

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on Art and DT

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for their fabulous drawing and excellent weaving. Well done to:

Class 1: Sidney	Class 7: Nathan
Class 2: Evie W	Class 8: Charlie
Class 3: Georgia	Class 9: Fraser
Class 4: Teri-Mae	Class 10: William
Class 5: Poppy	Class 11: Amelia
Class 6: Kiki	Class 12: Sophie F

### School Association

CONGRATULATIONS to the first winner of the Northgate 250 club! £496 was the winning prize with £744 going towards the PTA and school funds! We have plenty of numbers left up for grabs, the more uptake we have the bigger the win so please sign up!

The draw takes place at the beginning of every month and the results will be announced on our closed Facebook group 'Northgate PTA Noticeboard' and in the newsletter. There are still numbers available if you would like to join in the 250 Club. Email [mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mairead.wright@yahoo.co.uk). Join the Facebook group to stay in the know of all things PTA related.

**Happy School Bag Scheme** Thank you to everyone for donating to the Happy School Bag scheme. We collected 199kg of clothing and textiles and raised £129.99 for the PTA.

#### Christmas Trees

If you are out buying a real Christmas tree this weekend, don't forget that 'Squires of Stansted' have offered us commission on sales of Christmas trees! They are based at Sworders Auctioneers on the main road heading out of Stansted and will donate £5 to our PTA for every tree sold to a Northgate parent. Just tell them when you buy that you're parents of Northgate. You can find more information about them here:

<https://www.squiresofstansted.com/winter>

We hope everyone enjoys the Christmas film night and festivities this evening.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

### Reminders and Updates

#### Year 3 & 4 Work Sharing

The work sharing for Years 3 and 4 will take place at school on Monday at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Nursery Singing Concert

Our Nursery Christmas Singing Concerts will be held on Monday at 10am and 2pm. Please come in via the school office to watch this festive occasion.

#### KS1 Christmas Production

Two performances of the Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm and 6pm. Children should be returned to school at 5.30pm in time for the evening performance (**via the school office or will the gate be open**). Please ensure the reply slip for tickets has been returned to the office on Monday.

#### Volunteers Coffee Morning

Thank you to all our volunteers who work so hard during the year. We would like to invite you to a coffee morning on Friday 13th December. Please sign the sheet in the guided readers box or let the office know if you can attend.

#### Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget that Friday is Christmas Jumper Day. Children are expected to wear uniform on the day, but with a Christmas jumper instead of their usual school jumper or cardigan. We will be fundraising for Save The Children and collecting 50p per child in class on the day. Thank you!