

January 5th 2018

## 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. We have lots of interesting activities and sessions planned for our children in the coming months, including class trips out, special days, the Festival of Literature, the Life Bus, and Dazzling Discovery Week to name just a few! We know Northgate benefits greatly from a strong partnership with our parents so we would like to invite you to a coffee morning with our Senior Leadership Team from 9.00am-9.30am over the next few Fridays. As last year, you will also be able to share your views with us. What do you think are the current strengths of the school? How do you think the school could improve? If you cannot attend but would like to share your views, please email your comments to [interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk](mailto:interact@northgate.herts.sch.uk). Please look at the Important Dates list for more details. Thank you for your continued support.

## Lunch Issues Today

Unfortunately we had problems in the kitchen with the power supply today, therefore we were unable to cook hot lunches. However, we are pleased to inform you the problem has been resolved and lunches will be back to normal on Monday. Thank you to the kitchen staff for dealing with the situation calmly and efficiently.

## Excellent Attitude Towards Learning Awards 2017

The following pupils were nominated by their class teachers for their excellent attitude to learning in the autumn term. To celebrate this, the children had cakes with SLT on the last day of term: Thomas (N), John (R1), Daisy (R2), Jude (C1), Curtis (C2), Saffron (C3), Olivia (C4), Jamie (C5), Isabella (C6), Samuel (C7), Rosie (C8), Evan (C9), Lily (C10), Ewan (C11) and Maggie (C12)

## Updates

Dazzling Discovery Week - 12th-16th March - where we will be involved in exciting science activities.

Parents will have the opportunity to take part in a science activity with their children rather than read with them this term. Please find the date for your children's year group in the Important Dates list.

## Daily Mile

The daily mile will recommence next Monday, 8th January and will continue before school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The gates will be open from 8.35am to 8.40am for those running and parents of Foundation children taking part may wait in the playground, by the first bench. The children do not have to run - they can walk - it would be great to see some new children taking part this year.

## Admissions

Please note that **Monday, 15th January** is the application deadline for a Reception place in September, 2018. Apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

## Uniform

Please note, for health and safety reasons, no jewellery is permitted in school, including stud earrings, and smart watches must not be worn. We do not allow children to wear nail varnish or hair braids and hair accessories must be in school colours. Thank you

## Important Dates

11th Jan	Prospective Parent Tour
12th Jan	9am EYFS coffee with SLT
15th Jan	<b>Closing Date for Reception Admissions</b>
17th Jan	<b>Year 5 Maths Challenge (2 teams)</b>
19th Jan	9am KS1 coffee with SLT
24th Jan	<b>Prospective Parent Tour</b>
26th Jan	9am KS2 coffee with SLT
<b>29th Jan-2nd Feb</b>	<b>Maths Games with parents</b>
30th Jan	9am Lower KS2
31st Jan	9am EYFS
1st Feb	9am Upper KS2
2nd Feb	9am KS1
2nd—9th Feb	Festival of Literature
5th Feb	Nursery Admission 2018 opens on School website
8th Feb	Prospective Parent Tour
12th-16th Feb	Half Term
19th Feb	Inset Day
27th Feb	Parent Consultations
28th Feb	Parent Consultations
1st Mar	World Book Day (children to dress up as a book character)
9th Mar	<b>School Disco:</b> 6.00-7.00pm KS1 & Foundation 7.15-8.30pm KS2
<b>12th - 16th Mar</b>	<b>Dazzling Discovery Week</b> <b>Science activity with parents:</b> 9-9.30am KS1 9-9.30am Lower KS2 9-9.30am EYFS 9-9.30am Upper KS2
13th Mar	Curriculum Information Evening
14th Mar	Year 5 Instrumental Concert
15th Mar	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
16th Mar	Years 3/4 Show (afternoon and evening performances)
15th Mar	Break up for Easter
22nd Mar	Half Term
23rd Mar	Inset Day
28th Mar	Break up for Summer 2018
29th Mar	
28th May-1st Jun	
4th June	
20th Jul 2018	

\*Red = New Item

## Safeguarding

Please remember, for the safety of the children, please **DO NOT** park on the zigzag lines outside school at any time or park where it is not safe.