

October 26th 2018

Headteacher's News

At Northgate we want to provide our parents with the best possible communication / payments solution to cater for all of your needs. After half term, with this in mind, we have decided to begin to move away from eSchools and introduce Schoolcomms. The reason for this is to enable a smoother and more user friendly system for all of us. We will continue with the eSchools website and learning platform facilities for now but will be moving communication and payments across straight away. We will be running both systems together for at least two weeks to ensure a smooth transition so messages will be doubled up. This is to ensure that all parents are receiving communication via Schoolcomms before we disconnect you from eSchools. Please let us know if you do not receive communication through the new system. We will write to you with more detailed information during half term but it would be beneficial for you to download the Schoolcomms app onto your mobile devices. You can get this through your devices app store and once we have sent through your login details you will be able to start using this. With this in mind, after half term, we will be moving towards a cashless office.

We look forward to seeing parents at the consultations on the 6th and 7th of November. To help increase your understanding of your child's progress, you are welcome to go and look at books in your child's classroom 10 minutes before your appointment
Congratulations to Mrs Shepherd, on the birth of Sebastian.

At Christmas we will sadly be saying goodbye to two members of staff. After a number of years of commitment, Mrs Aziz and Miss Harding have resigned. Mrs Aziz has decided it is time for her to move on and look for new challenges and Miss Harding is leaving us for family reasons. We wish them well for the future. They will be greatly missed by staff and pupils.
Have a lovely half term.

Black History

This week Northgate enjoyed celebrating the courage, and the achievement of black/West Indian immigrants who sailed to Britain on the Windrush ship in 1948 - heralding a difficult but ultimately successful integration of West Indian culture into Britain. All year groups have looked at an aspect of Caribbean culture and shared their work in our assembly this afternoon. Year 2 enjoyed finding out about Bob Marley and reggae music. They all made their own percussion instrument.



The Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks and moored up for three weeks whilst they processed the paperwork.



Important Dates

29th Oct - 2nd Nov 2019

Association Fireworks Night
INSET DAY

Children Return to School

Year 2 Pirate Day
9am-3pm Nursery Consultations
3.30-6.00pm Parent Consultations
4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations
11.00am Potential Parent Tour
Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Sock Day

2.45pm Yr 2 Spelling & Phonics
2.45pm Yr 1 Spelling & Phonics

UKS2 Reading with Parents

LKS2 Reading with Parents
10.45am Potential Parent Tour

EYFS Reading with Parents

KS1 Reading with Parents
Book Fair

KS2 Bcyberwise Bus

UKS2 Parent eSafety Workshop
UKS2 Work Sharing

2.45pm Yr 4 Work Sharing Writing Week

10am and 2pm Nursery/Little
Ladybirds Xmas Concert

2pm Reception Xmas Concert

Non-uniform Day (Bottle)

Christmas Market

KS2 Panto at Rhodes

11.15am Nursery AM Work Sharing
2.45pm Nursery PM Work Sharing

2pm KS1 Xmas Production

6pm KS1 Xmas Production

2.45pm Reception Work Sharing

Yr 3 Work Sharing

Yr 2 Work Sharing

EYFS/KS1 Xmas Lunch and Xmas
Jumper Day

KS2 Xmas Lunch and Xmas
Jumper Day

2.45pm Yr 1 Work Sharing

2pm St Michael's Church Service

Term Ends at 2.00pm

Children Return to School

18th - 22nd Feb 19

INSET DAY

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Term Ends at 2.00pm

Children Return to School

27th - 31st May 2019

INSET DAY

Children Return to School

Association Summer Ball

End of Term at 2.00pm

Occasional Day

Half term

Fri 2nd Nov

Mon 5th Nov

Tues 6th Nov

Tues 6th Nov

Tues 6th Nov

Tues 6th Nov

Wed 7th Nov

Fri 9th Nov

12-16th Nov

Mon 12th Nov

Wed 14th Nov

Thurs 15th Nov

Mon 19th Nov

Tues 20th Nov

Tues 20th Nov

Wed 21st Nov

Thurs 22nd Nov

Mon 26th Nov

Wed 28th Nov

Wed 28th Nov

Thurs 29th Nov

3rd-7th Dec

Tues 4th Dec

Thurs 6th Dec

Fri 7th Dec

Sat 8th Dec

Mon 10th Dec

Tues 11th Dec

Wed 12th Dec

Thurs 13th Dec

Fri 14th Dec

Mon 17th Dec

Tues 18th Dec

Tues 19th Dec

Wed 19th Dec

Thurs 20th Dec

Fri 21st Dec

Mon 7th Jan

Half Term

Mon 25th Feb

Tues 26th Feb

Fri 5th Apr

Tues 23rd Apr

Half term

Mon 3rd Jun

Tues 4th Jun

Sat 9th Jun

Tues 23rd July

Wed 24th July

Anti-Bullying Week

12th-16th November

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Choose Respect'.

The aims of the week is to support schools to help children and young people, school, staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we do not have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online

Throughout the week the children will be completing activities and learning songs linked to 'respecting each other' and 'the importance of friendship'. To spark off the week we will be holding an 'Odd Sock Day' on Monday, 12th November. It is designed to be fun and is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique!

Children can wear coloured socks or tights.

Reminders and Updates

SECONDARY TRANSFER 2019

Year 6 parents please remember that applications need to be made by 31st October 2018 and they can be made at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

GARDEN PEBBLES

We are planning a garden project at Northgate, to tidy up the front of the school and get children involved in making something to be proud of and that is seen by visitors every day.

After discussing this with some of the children, we have decided to paint a number of large stones as well as plant spring bulbs and other shrubs. Please see the attached letter for more details.

School Association

Association News

Thank you to everyone who made the Association AGM on Monday. We are delighted to confirm the fundraising total for last year to be **£15,500!!!** Another great year for the Northgate PTA! We would especially like to thank the 7 departing trustees - Jo Taylor, Jo Pinches, Andrea Charity, Caroline O'Dell, Kay Piper, Nicky Brown and Kate Chaffey - for their huge commitment, dedication and fundraising effort over a number of combined years. We also welcome aboard new trustees - Sean Foster, Lisa Culverhouse and Amber Laking. Together we hope to put on a fantastic year of events and activities and look forward to spending last year's funds!

And to kick it off, we hope you enjoyed the first school disco which raised a staggering £1,100! Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make it a success.

Next on the calendar is our Fireworks night, next Friday. You will have no doubt seen the emails, posters, flyers and Facebook updates for ticket purchases and requests for help on the night so please sign up and join in the fun.

We have also now launched online ticket sales for our Christmas event. Buy your tickets for ice skating and Santa's Grotto online using the ticketsource links included in the parent mail notifications.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term.

Louisa Piercy PTA Chair

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery AM: Charlie R1: Arabelle
PM: Ailbhe R2: Evie W

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

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for excellent research about the Empire Windrush.

Well done to:

Class 1: Susie Class 7: Frank
Class 2: Jack Class 8: Bede
Class 3: Pixibelle Class 9: Samuel F
Class 4: Talulah Class 10: Ethan G
Class 5: Grace Class 11: Hattie
Class 6: Ally Class 12: Chloe
Our house point winners this week were the **Saxons**.

Enriching the Curriculum

Football

On Tuesday Northgate played football against Thorn Grove. It was an exciting game and although the opposition hadn't scored in previous matches, they were playing well and we knew from early on that it would not be an easy game. Harry Wise scored a great early goal but even though we kept trying, we did not manage to score again in the first half. Early into the second half Northgate had a great opportunity and Archie tucked a second goal into the net. Thorn Grove played well and their striker scored to take the score to 2 -1 to Northgate. Both teams played hard but the final whistle blew to make us unbeaten in the last 3 games. I would like to give Man of the Match to Jack for having some great attempts on target and a great assist.

Quicksticks

"On Thursday, 10 children from Year 5 went to Birchwood to take part in a Quicksticks tournament. Our last match of the day was our very best one. We played Reedings who were a tough attacking side but luckily Sam E managed to pass the ball towards Sam F who put in our first goal. A few minutes later, Reedings nearly scored but luckily Annabel and Cole were there to save us and push the ball to James who scored our second goal just before the whistle blew. After a lot of thinking Mrs Wilson and Mrs Molyneux gave the man of the match to Sam E" ...**Annabel** (class 10) and **Grace**

Community

Family Yoga Workshop

The Bishop's Stortford Fit for Life Club invites your whole family to the Markwell Pavilion for some fun fitness games on Saturday, 3rd November and 11th December 2018 - 11:15am to 12:15pm. No prior experience required. For further information, please see the attached flyer.