

July 13th 2018

Headteacher's News

We have a great deal to celebrate this week in school. We are delighted to announce, at the end of our successful Get Active Week, that we have been awarded the Gold Sports Mark. This is the 4th consecutive year that Northgate have retained this award. Well done to all the children in the school who have contributed to the achievement of this award through inter-house competitions, sports day and inter-school matches and competitions. Thank you to Miss Freeman and Mrs Gavin for leading both projects. Photos of our highlights can be seen below.

This week, once again, we were also awarded the Healthy Schools Award.

"Your whole school review is a fantastic accolade of all the hard work you have and are undertaking to promote health and wellbeing across the school. It was wonderful to hear about all the amazing work that is being undertaken at Northgate Primary School." Kate Stockdale Herts for Learning Wellbeing Advisor

Thank you to Mrs Shepherd for leading this project.

The National Assessments results for Year Six were published this week. I am very proud of the children, they have worked extremely hard this year and I am delighted to announce that our combined score for reading, writing and maths was 83%, which is considerably above the National figure. My thanks to all the staff and parents who have helped the children achieve this fantastic result.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Jen Chapman to the position of PE teacher for the autumn term. We will also be welcoming Liz Cojeen, who will be joining us in the school office.

The children had an enjoyable morning yesterday with their new teachers and the children responded well to the responsibility of their new year groups. Please see the calendar for the dates of the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. Have a lovely weekend.

Highlights of Get Active Week



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continued support with school Sport and PE and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Northgate a successful year ahead.

Zoe Freeman

Important Dates

16th July	2.45pm Yr1 Work Sharing
17th July	Take Over Day
17th July	9.00am Volunteers Coffee Morning
17th July	2.45pm Reception Transition to Yr1 meeting
18th July	School Nurse to talk to new Reception parents
18th July	Pre-school Graduation Ceremony
19th July	9.15am Leavers' Assembly
19th July	Yr6 Work Sharing (following Leavers' Assembly)
20th July	Break up for Summer 2018 at 2pm
23rd July - 17th Aug	Multi-Active Summer Holiday Club
3rd & 4th Sep	INSET DAYS
5th Sep	Children Return to School
Mon 10th Sep	9.00am Yr 2 Mt the Teacher
	2.45pm Yr 3 Mt the Teacher
Tues 11th Sep	9.00am Yr 1 Mt the Teacher
	2.45pm Yr 5 Mt the Teacher
Wed 12th Sep	9.00am Yr 4 Mt the Teacher
	2.45pm Yr 6 Mt the Teacher
Mon 17th Sep	2.45pm Rec Mt the Teacher
Wed 19th Sep	11.15am Nursery Mt the Teacher
	2.45pm Nursery Mt the Teacher

(parents can attend either session, regardless of children's session)

Half term	29th Oct - 2nd Nov 2019
Mon 5th Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 6th Nov	Children Return to School
Fri 21st Dec	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Mon 7th Jan 19	Children Return to School
Half Term	18th - 22nd Feb 19
Mon 25th Feb 19	INSET DAY
Tues 26th Feb 19	Children Return to School
Fri 5th Apr 19	Term Ends at 2.00pm
Tues 23rd Apr 19	Children Return to School
Half term	27th - 31st May 2019
Mon 3rd Jun 19	INSET DAY
Tues 4th Jun 19	Children Return to School
Tues 23rd July 19	End of Term at 2.00pm
Wed 24th July 19	Occasional Day

Safeguarding

There are a number of children at Northgate who, for safeguarding reasons, are not allowed their photo on social media. Therefore, it is school policy not to allow images to be taken and used in this way. Please be respectful of this policy, otherwise it will need to be reviewed. If you have any concerns about the school, please come in and discuss these with us, rather than us hearing about them on social media. Many thanks

First Aid

On Tuesday, Mrs Booth presented an awareness raising first aid session, tailored to all year groups. Activities ranged from cleaning minor wounds to seeking assistance, recovery position and CPR with an AED, in an emergency situation.

Enriching the Curriculum

Year 6 Netball

Northgate Year 6 netball team has won the Birchwood summer netball league. The girls have trained weekly and have worked hard to secure convincing wins against other local primary schools. Their last game against St Andrews on Monday, proved what a strong team they are by winning 20-1.



I would like to thank the girls for their commitment and dedication to the team and hope that they continue to play when they go to secondary school. Also a big thank you to the parents for their support and encouragement. **Vanessa Smith** - Governor

Year 1 Hatfield Forest Trip

Year 1 loved their trip to Hatfield Forest. We investigated trees, discovering how to measure their age and height. We also learned about animals habitats, including making our own giant nest!



Year 2 Colchester Zoo Trip

Year 2 had a great day at Colchester Zoo on Tuesday. We saw a variety of animals and some children were lucky enough to feed the giraffes and elephants. Thank you to the parents who came with us on this trip.



Daisy May Farm Trip

Nursery and Little Ladybirds had a wonderful joint trip to Daisy May Farm in Elsenham on Wednesday. The activities included holding small animals, feeding goats and sheep and pony rides.

Class 6 PSHE

As part of our PSHE lessons with Mrs Riggs, we looked at littering in our world. We looked at photos of all the litter in our playground and we decided to make posters to remind people to pick up their litter...**Lucy C** (class 6)



Reminders and Updates

Year 1 Work Sharing

2.45pm - Monday, 16th July

Community

Uniform Alterations

If you need any alterations made to your children's uniforms please call Mrs Miah, one of our parents, on 07903 290472

Bishop's Stortford Rugby Football Club are running their annual summer rugby camp for boys and girls aged 5-13 years. All abilities are welcome, and this can be especially good for the current Year 6 who will be heading to secondary school next year, with the first term being Rugby, it would be a great introduction for them. Please see their flyer and application form attached.

School Crossing Patrol

Sadly Mrs Bradshaw has resigned from her post as lollipop lady at the end of term. If you are interested in this position, please contact Hertfordshire County Council. Thank you
Please also note the crossing will not be manned on the last day of term, **Friday, 20th July**.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Nursery: James T R1: Dilys
R2: Holly

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on 'Sports Participant'.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for excellent sportsmanship, enthusiastic participation and teamwork.

Well done to:

Class 1: Grace	Class 6: Sam
Class 2: Yoana & Talulah	Class 7: Liberty
Class 3: Toby	Class 8: Sam
Class 4: Ryan	Class 9: Jack
Class 5: Henry	Class 10: Max B

School Association

Message from the PTA

Another year of fundraising is almost over and the PTA would like to thank everyone who has volunteered at, attended and in any way supported this year's events and fundraising activities. If you'd like to be more involved and fancy joining the committee we would love to hear from you. Please contact ptanorthgate@gmail.com for more information.

We are looking forward to the next year already and we are delighted that we already have some dates for your diary!

Fireworks

Our annual fireworks night is booked for **Friday 2nd November**.

Christmas Event

Sorry to mention the 'C' word in the height of Summer but the planning has already begun for a Winter Wonderland style Christmas event on **Saturday 8th December**. There's room for a couple more people to join the organising team so if you'd like to get involved then please let us know. We will also be looking for stall holders for the event so if you are someone or know someone who might be interested please get in touch.

Summer Ball 2019

Yes, you read that correctly!! We have all just about recovered from the summer ball of 2016 so we are organising another on **Saturday 8th June 2019**. More details to follow soon.

If anyone still has sponsorship money from the Quendon & Rickling Runfest please return it to the office ASAP so we can work out our total fundraising. Many thanks and wishing you all a fantastic summer holiday.

The Northgate Association