

September 13th 2024

Headteacher's News

We hope that you found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions informative, and we look forward to meeting the Reception parents next week. If your child is in KS1 or KS2, you should be receiving a copy of the termly letter shortly on Goggle Classrooms, which provides key information for the year group. It will also be available on the school website. Please ask if you have not received it by the end of next week.

In assemblies, we introduced our school values. This half term our focus is '**Respect**' and our half-term Learning Power is '**Teamwork Tiger**'. Already we have seen some excellent examples around the school. If your child comes home with a sticker, see if they can explain what skills they used to be a Teamwork Tiger.

As a school, one of our key roles is to monitor school attendance. If your child is struggling to get into school, and you would like some support, please contact the class teacher, and we will look at ways to support you at the start of the day. The school is currently updating the school attendance policy in line with stricter national and county guidelines. Once this has been agreed with Governors, we will publish it on the school website and put the link in the newsletter.

We hope you have a enjoyable weekend.

Enriching the Curriculum

As part of their topic on World War II, on Monday Year 5 enjoyed **Evacuee Day**, where the children came in dressed as evacuees. They began by immersing themselves in what life was like during the war. The classes used propaganda to find out more about the blackout. They discussed what essential items they would take with them if they were being evacuated during that time. Finally, they made clay models of a week's worth of rations. They all had fun and enjoyed learning lots of new facts.



Important Dates

Wed 18th Sept	9.00am volunteer safeguarding training
Wed 18th Sept	2.50pm Reception Meet the parents
Tues 24th Sept	9.00am Y1 Phonics workshop (parents)
Thurs 26 th Sept	9.00am KS2 PSHE workshop (parents)
Wed 2 nd Oct	9.00am Years 3/4 times table workshop
Thurs 3 rd Oct	9.00am EYFS/KS1 PSHE workshop (parents)
Tues 8th Oct	9.00am Recept. Harvest assembly (parents)
	9.20am Phonics workshop (parents)
Wed 9th Oct	9.00am KS1 Harvest assembly (parents)
	9.20am Y2 parent workshop
	6.00pm Y5/6 Parent information evening.
Mon 14th Oct	9.05am KS1 Reading with parents
Tues 15th Oct	9.05am UKS2 Reading with parents
Wed 16th Oct	9.05am LKS2 Reading with parents
Thurs 17th Oct	9.05am EYFS Reading with parents
Fri 25th Oct	Inset Day
28th Oct—1st Nov	Half term
Fri 8th Nov	5.00pm-8.00pm PTA Fireworks
12th/13th Nov	Parent consultations (info to follow)
Tues 10th Dec	9.15am, 2.30pm Christmas production EYFS
Fri 13th Dec	9.15am, 2.30pm Christmas production KS1
Tues 17th Dec	KS2 Pantomime at South Mill Arts
Tues 17th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Christmas lunch
Weds 18th Dec	Christmas jumper day
Weds 18th Dec	KS2 Christmas lunch
Weds 18th Dec	Volunteer coffee 9am
Thurs 19th Dec	KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)
Fri 20th Dec	Break the rules day
Fri 20th 2pm	End of term
	=*Red = New Item / Change to Item

European day of languages

Thursday 26th September is European Day of Languages. We are looking for any parents who speak another language at home to come in and do a short language session with their child's class in the week commencing 23rd September. It could be a 10-minute teaching of some greeting words or showing some photographs of a country where that language is spoken. If you are interested, please email Mrs Gitto at Kestrels@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding

Very important:

We are a nut free school as we have children with **nut allergies**. Please be careful not to include food containing nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter, pesto, Bakewell tarts, chocolate products or desserts which contain nuts. Please refer to our website for more information.

Contact Details: In case of an emergency, we must ensure we have up-to-date contact details on file. A **form** is available on the school website for you to update your details and to inform us of any changes to your email address, mobile phone number, address etc. Many thanks.

Members of the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service came to school to talk to Years 5 & 6 on Tuesday. The focus of their discussion with the children was around water safety. Arabelle and Isla from Class 11 wrote, "On Tuesday, four people from the local Fire Service taught UKS2 about water safety. They explained what to do and what not to do when around water. They told us to call 999 if someone falls into a river and told us about a very important app called "what3words", which is a really simple way to pinpoint an exact location. Everyone enjoyed it and learned something new!"



Reminders and Updates

PSHE parent workshops

On Thursday 26th September for parents in year 3-6 (KS2) and Thursday 3rd October (Reception/year 1 and year 2) at 9 am, we will be running parent PSHE workshops. The aim of these sessions is to share further information on what PSHE is and what we teach in each year group. We will also put the slides on Google Classroom following the workshops, for those who cannot attend.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is approaching, we will soon be asking you to donate food for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. Please bear in mind the items that they require most include: tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned meat/fish, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, soup, sponge puddings, cereal, jam, honey, rice puddings, biscuits, crisps, chocolate, coffee, tea, fruit juice, UHT milk, sanitary items, toilet rolls, toiletries, cleaning items and nappies size 4/5/6.

Uniform

All children should be wearing full school uniform. Please see our website for details. If there are any exceptional circumstances with regards to uniform, please contact the office for advice.

Earrings

Please remember if your child has had their ears pierced recently and can not take out the studs for a little while, we require a letter from parents stating when they can stop wearing them. These earrings should be covered by medical tape or a plaster at school.

Phones and smart watches

Children should not be bringing smart phones, smart watches or other mobile technology into school. These pose a safeguarding risk for children within the school if used inappropriately. Items found in school will be returned directly to parents. Permission can be granted for children in **Year 5 or 6** to bring in phones **if they are walking home unattended** and relevant forms have been completed. School will not take responsibility for any loss or damage.

Celebration of Achievements

This week's stars of the week were:

Ducklings: **Filip and Alfie**



Puffins & Owls: **All the children!** As they have settled into their class really well!

This week our 'Learner of the Week' focused on 'Positive attitude'.

Our Star Learners were praised by their class teachers for: having great enthusiasm in lessons, showing a very positive attitude in class, a brilliant "can do" attitude, a positive approach to peer relationships, challenging themselves with learning, wonderful manners, great concentration, a bright smile, giving 100%, listening well and being respectful.

Well done to:

Robins: **Amara**

Wrens: **Nevan**

Starlings: **Mia**

Sparrows: **Mia**

Skylarks: **Erin**

Swifts: **William**

Nightingales: **William**

Kingfishers: **Thomas**

Kestrels: **Bill**

Kites: **Daisy**

Harriers: **The whole class!**

Hawks: **Matilda**

For homework last week, the children in each class designed a 'Learner of the Week' certificate.

Congratulations to the winners below for their brilliant designs.

Robins: **Chole**

Wrens: **Sophie**

Starlings: **Eddie**

Sparrows: **Ava**

Skylarks: **Flora**

Swifts: **Charlie**

Nightingales: **Denise**

Kingfishers: **Orla**

Kestrels: **Marquis**

Kites: **Avrora**

Harriers: **Martha**

Hawks: **Julia**



Cool Milk

Would you like your child to receive milk during the school day? **School milk is available free for children under five and around £14 per term for over fives.** For more information please register with Cool Milk online: www.coolmilk.com

Northgate School Association

Tickets are now on sale for our popular Fireworks Night! Come and join us on Friday 8th November 2024 from 5pm with skies alight at 7pm. We have food and drink vendors, plus music, games, fairground rides, glow items, face painting and much more! Tickets are selling fast, so book soon to avoid disappointment! Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/herts/northgate-primary-school/northgate-fireworks-night/e-obvkym>

As always, we need volunteers for our big events and can't run them without you. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48AEAE23AAF85-50510704-northgate>

Please see attached poster for further information.

Thank you for your continued support!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team