

July 19th 2024

Headteacher's News

As part of Take Over Day, some of the children took on the role of Headteacher and helped write parts of this week's newsletter.

Take over day By Jack, Theo B

Year 6, took over adult jobs at school on Thursday and tried at least two roles. Some of us taught lessons such as computing, P.E, Art and maths. Other pupils took assembly, helped with lunch duty and gate duty. The vast majority of the children said they really enjoyed the work experience. Please see some photos on the next page.

Northgate's got talent

There were lots of children with great acts who auditioned, but there could only be one winner from each class. Examples of the acts were, cheerleading, singing, a gaming display and comedy. The overall winners on the day were: Evie B (KS1) with the song "Almost Nearly Perfect" and Year 4 (KS2) with a dance and choir singing "A million Dreams". Congratulations! Northgate really does have Talent!

Leaver's assembly! - Millie, Eden and Holly

On Thursday morning, Year 6 and their parents gathered for a farewell assembly. The children put on a great display, with a handful of students sharing their best and funniest memories of their time at Northgate. This was followed by well deserved awards which included: creative writing, maths, science, ICT and many more. We sung a song that was very joyful called "The Best Day of My Life" This drew tears to everyone's eyes. Not only do we celebrate academic awards at Northgate, but we also congratulate children with other awards such as our sport's men and women, for their great participation in matches and for representing our school. All the best to all the 2024 leavers!

Thank you to the PTA



Thank you for your continued support this year organising so many wonderful events, including this week's Colour Run. Your fundraising makes a real difference to the school and the pupils.

Thank you to the Governors

We are grateful to all the Governors for their support, commitment and work behind the scenes. I would particularly like to mention the Governors who are stepping down Mr P. Norton and Mrs V, Smith. Thank you for all their hard work for the school over the last few years.

Thank You to the Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous staff who have worked tirelessly this year to ensure the best education for all the children and to provide so much more beyond the curriculum. Their great efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you to parents and carers

I would, once again, like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Have a healthy and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Wednesday 4th September**. Please remember that the school day has been extended—starting at **8.50am** with gates opening at 8.40am, with school finishing at **3.20pm**. We wish all the families that are leaving us all the best. Happy holidays!

Important Dates

2nd & 3rd Sept

Wed 4th Sept

Thurs 5th Sept

Fri 6th Sept

Tues 10th Sept

Wed 11th Sept

Thurs 12th Sept

Wed 18th Sept

Tues 24th Sept

Thurs 26th Sept

Wed 2nd Oct

Thurs 3rd Oct

Tues 8th Oct

Wed 9th Oct

W/C 14th Oct

Fri 25th Oct

28th Oct—1st Nov

Fri 8th Nov

Tues 10th Dec

Fri 13th Dec

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Inset days

First day back at school (Reception and only no Nursery)

Nursery stay and play

2.50pm **Y6** Meet the parents

2.50pm **Y2** Meet the parents

9.00am **Y4** Meet the parents

2.50pm **Y1** Meet the parents

9.00am **Y5** Meet the parents

2.50pm **Y3** Meet the parents

2.50pm **Reception** Meet the parents

9.00am **Y1 Phonics workshop (parents)**

9am **KS2 PSHE workshop (parents)**

9am **Years 3/4 times table workshop**

9am **EYFS/KS1 PSHE workshop (parents)**

9.00am **Reception Harvest assembly**

9.20am **Phonics workshop (parents)**

9.00am **KS1 Harvest assembly (parents)**

9.20am **Y2 parent workshop**

6pm **Year 5/6 parent workshop**

Reading with parents

Inset Day

Half term

5pm-8pm **PTA Fireworks**

Christmas production EYFS (9.15, 2.30pm)

Christmas production KS1 (9.15, 2.30pm)

Attendance

Please be aware that the Hertfordshire County are trying to crack down on poor attendance and expecting schools to increase fining for unauthorised absence, including holidays. Children who show a consistent and regular pattern on non-attendance will not necessarily have short periods of sickness authorised. Parents will be made aware of this by a letter from the school.

Attendance this Term

Yr	%
R	96%
1	94%
2	95%
3	96%
4	96%
5	96%
6	96%

Our target	96%
Whole school	95.4%

0 days off	100%	Fantastic
5 days off a year	97%	Good
10 days off a year	95%	Slight concern
20 days off a year	90%	Concerned
30 days off a year	85%	Very concerned

Safeguarding

If you have a **safeguarding concern** over the holiday period, please ring **children's services on 0300 123 4043**.

Reminders and Notices

Dinner money

Please ensure that all dinner debts are cleared immediately. Any credits will be forwarded on to next year.

School uniform

Children must return to school in wearing correct uniform. Jumpers and PE joggers must be bottle green. Children should be wearing black shoes, **no trainers or boots** Year 5 and 6 need to wear ties, these can be purchased from AVM in Bishop's Stortford our uniform supplier. We do have a limited supply in the office also.

Earrings

It is our policy that earrings must not be worn in school. If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, we suggest they have them pierced early in the holidays. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Summer Holiday Club

Sportscool are running a SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB at Northgate for children aged 4-11. **There are free places for families who receive Free School Meals (thanks to the Government backed Happy Programme).** For help please call Chris on 07415376329. All FSM parents/carers should have received a voucher code to use when booking via www.playwaze.com search 'sportscool'.

www.sportscool.westsex.schoolipal.co.uk

Pupil Premium

If you claim any benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and other funding to help cover the cost of trips, and additional interventions your child may require. To find out please apply directly and confidentially via the following link:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.

Important: Library Books

Thank you to everybody that has returned library books. We have books still missing. Please have a good look over the summer holidays for any that might be hiding at home and return them to school in September. We are asking for a **£5.00** donation towards any unreturned or missing books. Thank you very much.

Northgate's got talent 2024

Today we celebrated the end of term with Break the Rules Day and Northgate's Got Talent. There were some outstanding performances from each class and even the staff made a surprise entry, dressing as the characters from the film 'Sing' and dancing to 'Shake It Off' by Taylor Swift. The children found this hilarious and it was great to end the school year on a high.



Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving our 'Excellence award'. This is given out at the end of each term by Mrs Tanner for showing a consistent positive attitude to learning and exemplary behaviour. The children enjoyed a tea party to celebrate with Mrs Tanner, Mrs Clynes and Mrs Layer.



Nursery: Ava and Freya	R1: Louis	R2: Sienna- Rae
Class 1: Martha	Class 7: Avrora	
Class 2: Alyssa	Class 8: Methuli	
Class 3: Florence	Class 9: Elsie	
Class 4: Chloe	Class 10: Arabelle	
Class 5: Henry	Class 11: Daisy	
Class 6: Thomas	Class 12: Kenny	

Vaccinations

Please find attached to this email an end of term letter to parents from Herts County Council regarding vaccinations for measles (MMR vaccination) and whooping cough.



Northgate School Association

A massive thank you for all your support of the PTA this year. What an amazing 12 months! As a team we have been able to run a number of fantastic events for the kids and our wider community raising large sums of money for our school.

The accounts for 23/24 will be finalised over the Summer, so more details to follow.

In the last 12 months, we have raised money for lots of school resources including, Books and play equipment, iPads and Laptops, Sensory Room, 3 School Enrichment Weeks, Pantomime visits, Road signs
What a difference we have all made, thank you! Without the PTA, the school wouldn't be able to provide these additional resources to our children. THANK YOU!

We hope you have an amazing summer!
Geri Wren (PTA Chair) & The PTA Team