

NEWSLINE

North Primary School and Nursery
A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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STAY AND SING A HIT



Reception children were ready to share their favourite songs with their families on Friday, and the parents were in fine voice too! We began with a body and voice warm up, singing 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.

There was a beautiful sound coming from both the children and adults during 'I Like The Flowers' and some excellent tummy patting, jumping and spinning during 'If you're Happy and You Know It'. We ended on a counting song, singing all the way to 1 trillion!

Tapestry went mad after the event with parents posting lots of lovely comments. Here are a couple of quotes — "Was lovely seeing how happy and settled they all were!" "That was so much fun!! Thank you so much for inviting us to join in. I especially enjoyed, "If you're happy and you know it." The next Stay and Sing for Reception will be at 9.10 on Friday 4th November. We will be adding some musical instruments, more action volunteers and hopefully lots more family and friends. See you then!

Mrs Ward reporting

Sponsored Readathon

Every year we hold one sponsored event. As explained in a previous email we have moved it from April to October. This year we are tying it in with Book Week and our drive to boost home learning.

The children have been given a sponsor form. They have been told that they must not ask people to sponsor them without your permission. Family, neighbours, family friends, your work colleagues, please help your children get sponsors. And your children could even show their thanks by reading to their sponsors.

The sponsors can decide whether to sponsor by the word, the page or the book, or a pledge based on reading over the 3 week period. (It might get expensive if you sponsor our older bookworms by the word!)

You will see on the sponsor form the opportunity for the NSA to claim Gift Aid, if you are eligible. This increases the value of your donation by 25%.

The readathon lasts three weeks ending on the last day of the half term holiday - Monday 31st October.

Thank you for your help



Mrs. Eves leading the warm-up at St. Helena

FOOTBALL SEASON UNDERWAY

On Thursday 6th October all the Year 6 football club went to St Helena School to participate in a football tournament against local schools. Our children were divided into two teams. To add a little spice to the occasion one team had only players from Mr. Armitage's class and the other team only Miss Gray's class. The two teams played in 10 matches, winning 4 matches and narrowly losing to the eventual winners of the tournament. After a busy afternoon's play our two teams finished in third and fifth places and were great sporting ambassadors for the school. It was great way to start the competitive season. The team's next competition is a regional knock-out to be played on the 12th. Colchester League fixtures will start to be played soon. Certificates were awarded in assembly on Friday 7th. Well done to all those who participated.

Mrs. Eves and Mr. Johns reporting



North School Association held their AGM on the 4th October. Kate Randall's Chairperson's report will be circulated. The NSA has achieved so much but they do need your help. Helping the NSA is a great way for new families to get more involved in the school community.

Can you spare half an hour every now and then on a Friday to help out on the Cake Stall? The Disco is approaching fast. Helpers in the parent room or the kitchen are needed. The Bazaar is one of the highlights of the year and all offers of help to set up and/or run stalls will be greatly appreciated.

Contact the committee via Facebook or leave a message at the school office if you want to get

BOOK FAIR

Last Chance to buy books
Thursday 13th October
After School
Junior Hall

Monday 17th October

Bring Your favourite Book to School Day

The Book fair is just a warm up for our Book Week, a whole week of exciting events and activities that promote a love of reading. Don't forget grandparents are invited on that Monday afternoon.

Report to the school office at 1.45pm, ready for a 2.00pm start.

Parking available via Victoria Chase.

Open Lessons, Stay and Learn

Tuesday 8th November	Year 1	9.10am
Tuesday 8th November	Reception - Squirrels	9.10am
Wednesday 9th November	Year 6	2.00pm
Wednesday 9th November	Reception - Badgers	9.10am
Thursday 10th November	Year 2	9.10am
Friday 11th November	Reception - Hedgehogs	9.10am
Tuesday 15th November	Year 3	9.10am
Wednesday 16th November	Year 5	2.00pm
Thursday 17th November	Year 4	9.10am

DATES FOR TERM

Monday 17th October	Invite your Grandparent to School Afternoon	2.00pm
Friday 21st October	NSA Disco	
Friday 21st October	Last day of half term	
Tues 1st November	Return to school	
Friday 18th November	NSA Bingo Night	6.00pm
Thursday 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thursday 1st December	Year 3 Christmas Play	Afternoon
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Bazaar	6.00pm
Tuesday 6th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	Afternoon
Friday 9th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play	Morning and afternoon
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Christmas Play	
Tuesday 20th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert	
Wednesday 21st December	Last day of term	
Thurs 5th January 2017	First day of Spring Term	
Thursday 9th February	Last day of half term	
Mon 20th February	Return to school	
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 18th April	First day of Summer Term	