

NEWSLINE

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

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Home Learning

Last term the school Home Learning Policy was reviewed. As part of this process the school council conducted a survey. The results were very interesting. These will be shared with you next week. We are already acting on the findings.

We want you to know more about what the children do in School and Nursery each week. Tapestry is up and running in the Foundation Stage. Years 1-6 will be sending home weekly newsletters which will summarise the week's learning and give context to homework activities.

Last term our Year 5 school councillors started a children's guide to home learning which will be published soon too.

A big push this year is reading. Reading for pleasure. Reading for meaning. Daily enjoyment of reading together at home is so important. A love of reading will continue to be pushed in school too. There is a Book Week in October which will include an event for grandparents - make sure they get their invitations. The Book Fair is coming too and that will be here for a whole week.

Weymouth 2016

Full photostory of the week will be put on website soon.
Year 5 meeting Monday 19th September.



Welcome to all our new Staff

Pictured. Top row: Miss Moroz, Year 3 teacher. Mrs. Richards, Year 2 and Year 1 teacher. Bottom row: Mrs. Dafedar, Year 6 LSA; Mr. Allen, Year 5 LSA; Mrs. Ali, Year 3 LSA, Mrs. Anderson, Year 3 LSA, Mrs Burton, Year 5 LSA.

They all bring a wealth of experiences and skills to the school. Can you tell who is the mathematician? Who is the IT whizz? Who is writing a novel? Who is a photography teacher? Who can speak more than two languages? Who produced Terry Wogan's radio show?





Last year was our third year of Free For All and it was another spectacular success. Over the year the children's learning experiences were enriched in so many ways. Together, through a range of exciting and innovative projects, we generated enough income to enable that to happen this year too. The NSA are an important part of that success. **On Tuesday 27th September the NSA will be holding their annual general meeting.** This will give you an opportunity to learn more about how the NSA works and what its plans are for this coming year. They are always looking for fresh blood and it is a great way to make friends and do good at the same time. Please come.

Applying for Secondary School

Year 6 Parents have to submit their children's secondary school applications by the end of October. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Please make sure you apply by the deadline date.

To help parents decide on which schools to apply for, local secondary schools will be hosting meetings and tours in the next few weeks. Please look at websites or enquire with schools you are interested in to check dates of events they are holding. Our neighbouring secondary, St. Helena is visiting here on Monday 19th September at 2.15. This roadshow event is open to parents of Year 5 and Year 6 children.



Watch out for the Best Foot Forward autumn activities poster, including Bikeability and Play Walks in the October half term, social running, walking and cycling groups and a competition to win the latest Fitbits!

Can you Help?

Do you have an off-road parking space near the school which you do not use during the day? You know what our car park is like and some parents have been kind enough to allow members of staff to use their vacated parking space. If you are able to help please let the office know. Thank you.

DATES FOR TERM

Monday 19th September	Year 5/6 St. Helena Roadshow [parking available via Victoria Ch.] Followed by Year 5 parents meeting for Weymouth 2017	2.15 Infant Hall
Monday 19th September	Music lessons begin	
Tuesday 27th September	NSA Annual General Meeting	7.00pm
Friday 7th October	Book Fair Arrives	
Monday 17th October	Invite your Grandparent to School Afternoon	2.00pm
Friday 21st October	Last day of half term	
Tues 1st November	Return to school	
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	