

Lessons with Parents Get off to a Great Start

The Open Lessons and Stay and Learn sessions got off to a great start on the 8th. Year 1 have been learning about the Great Fire of London and their classrooms were super busy making houses for Pudding Lane (below centre). Safiyah's mum said "it was just like being back in school" which is a good thing because she used to attend North herself! Parents and children enjoyed working together. In Reception the children were busy celebrating Diwali. Leon is pictured with his mum, showing off his Diya pot. He said he enjoyed having his mum in class to help him. Bethany-Mae said that she was proud to show her mum her classroom. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to share in your children's learning. A reminder of the dates can be found overleaf.



Superhero Stories

Last week, Year 4 took part in a superhero workshop run by Gary Turner (Betsy and Lola's dad) working on acting, improvisation and creating stories.

The children were out walking when they stumbled across a box. Whatever was in the box gave them their superpower and their hero's story was built from there. Mr Turner said, "I love working with children because you never know what their imaginations will come up with, be it a laser sword or a mouldy sandwich."

The creations ranged from 'Hothead', a villain who is trying to destroy all water on Earth, to 'Owlette', whose mission was to save the owls from 'The Changer', another child's creation. The children relished the chance to play with their superhero stories. Sam in 4O commented, "I really enjoyed it because it made me use my imagination."

With so many new superheroes around, the Earth is sure to be safe for another day!

Mr O'Loughlin reporting



The NSA are entering their busy period! The School Disco was a great success. Bingo Night is fast approaching - Friday 18th November. They are busy organising the Christmas Bazaar - Friday 2nd December. The NSA would love more help to set up the stalls on the Friday afternoon during school time and running stalls too.

If you can help please email the school office or contact the NSA directly through their Facebook page. They will also have a stall at the Parents Evening on the 24th November. Finally, we are delighted to be able to announce that once again the Colchester Show Band will be holding their Christmas Concert at the school on the afternoon of Sunday 18th December. We are greatly indebted to the ShowBand for their long-term commitment to Free For All.

Important Reminder

Staff have just undertaken their annual Epipen training. This has prompted us to review our practices.

There are a number of children in the school who have nut allergies. We therefore respectfully request that you do not give nuts or nut products to your children for snack or in their packed lunch boxes. Allergic reactions can be extreme. Please check labels.

For example, please do not use Nutella.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Parent Consultations 24th November

Have you returned your reply slip to book an appointment with your child's class teacher?

During the evening there will be a Governors' Stall situated in the Junior Hall. Governors will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about their role and/or regarding any aspects of school life.

Look out for the
Christmas Lunch Order Form
which will be coming home soon.

Open Lessons, Stay and Learn

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

Wednesday 16th November	Individual and sibling school photographs	
Friday 18th November	NSA Bingo Night	6.00pm
Thursday 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thursday 1st December	Year 3 Christmas Play	Afternoon
Thursday 1st December	Parents Meeting for September 2017 starters	6.00pm and 8.00pm
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	