

NEWSLINE

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

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Year 3 Performance Gets Christmas Season off to a Great Start

"That was brilliant, they should make it in to a film." So said a proud Grandad after enjoying the Year 3 epic show, *Away In a Manger*. The children sang, and danced, and acted their hearts out. The play was peppered with good jokes, delivered with spot-on comic timing. Credit to the children and all the staff.

Reception Penguin Experience Zoo Trip

On Wednesday 30th November, Reception visited Colchester Zoo. Upon arrival we were met by Buster the Elf who told us that they had a problem. They couldn't find the reindeer dust to help Santa's sleigh fly. Buster suggested that penguins may be able to help but after learning about and meeting real penguins, we decided that it wouldn't be a good choice! The biggest surprise of the day was when Santa walked through the door. He had the magic reindeer dust all along and to thank us for our help, he gave us all a little cuddly penguin as a present to take home. We all had a wonderful time. And Lightning the Lion, our new school mascot, loved meeting his cousins.

Mrs Arnold reporting



Netball

The netball team have had a busy couple of days, playing 2 games in a week. They all rose to the challenge and tried really hard, especially given that the temperature has dipped. On Thursday 24th November they played Prettygate away. It was a very friendly game which they all enjoyed. Unfortunately we were unable to match Prettygate who came away eventual winners. On Monday 28th November we played Gosbecks at home. Again the team all played to the best of their ability but some sharp shooting from Gosbecks meant we lost the game. However, we did manage our first goal of the season which is something to build upon. A lot of positives can be taken from the games and it was good to hear that parents have recognised that improvement has been made. We have plenty more matches in the New Year which I am looking forward to. **Mrs Eves reporting**



Year 5 Music Survey

Mr Bosch is asking parents of children in Year 5 to complete an online survey to find out their views on their experience of music tuition in Year 4. Please go online to complete the short survey on

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CF565RG>

Thank you



Christmas Bazaar was tremendous. Thank You NSA.

There was a lovely festive atmosphere at school on the 2nd for the NSA Christmas Bazaar. Santa arrived on time, heralded by the choir singing in the infant courtyard. Stallholders were kept very busy all evening. Secret Santa was stocked full of lovely gifts so parents can look forward to some special presents on Christmas Day. Many stayed for the prize draw and the Clarke-Davies family were thrilled to win the £100. Thank you so much to all the NSA, staff and governors for a wonderful evening.



DATES FOR TERM

Tuesday 6th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	2.00pm
Friday 9th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play	9.30am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Christmas Play	9.30am
Sunday 18th December	Colchester Showband Christmas Concert	3.00pm
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	