

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Enjoying life to the Max - Making the Most of Every Opportunity

40 of our Year 6s had an amazing time in Dorset, staying at Osmington Bay PGL camp. The weather was kind - mostly - and the children took part in a range of exciting activities taking place on land up high and on the water.

Mr. Addley, a parent governor joined the staff team for the second time. He says, "As with last year I was struck by the children's enthusiasm to 'get stuck in'. Everyone that I worked with and saw put in maximum effort and when a mental wall was reached their peers stepped up, offered encouragement, practical help and support. Discipline was also notably better than many of the other schools in attendance. All teachers and LSA's put enormous effort into ensuring that the children were safe, built bonds, established trust and facilitated fun. The Teachers and LSA's all put in very long hours and go the

extra mile to ensure the week is a success for the children. This visit not only brings out the best of our Y6 pupils but also demonstrates how good the teaching is at North and what it takes to give our young people the best possible start to this very important year in their school careers. Elizabeth said she loved it and it has changed her - she has learnt to overcome her fears and never give up. Lola also had a great time. She advises all Year 5s to go next year. **There is a meeting for Year parents and children on Tuesday 19th at 2.45pm. Parking available in the lower playground.**



Dates for the Term

Please find overleaf a number of key dates for the term. Christmas Plays are already booked in! **Open Lessons will be confirmed shortly.**

Book Fair Arrives

The Book Fair will arrive on Friday 6th October and will be here for a week. You will have the chance to browse and buy from a range of great

To tie in with this event October 6th will be the day we will be celebrating the achievements of the children who took part in Essex Libraries'

Animal Agents
Reading Challenge.

Sunrise Club

This new club starts at 7.45pm and is a childcare breakfast club. A number of children are enjoying it already but there are still places available. Places cost £4.00 per session.

If you would like to know more please make inquiries at the school office.

**Have you
received and read
the letter about
attendance
and
punctuality?**

Y6 applications

Applying for Secondary School

Year 6 Parents have to submit your 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 Tuesday 26th September. This roadshow event is open to parents of Year 5 and Year 6 children. [Parking available in the lower playground.]

TERM DATES		
Tuesday 19th September	Y5 Parents Meeting - WEYMOUTH 2018	2.45pm
Tuesday 26th September	St. Helena Roadshow - parents of Y6 and Year 5	2.00pm
Wednesday 27th September	Phonics workshops for Parents start	
Wednesday 27th September	BLUE BAG DAY	
Tuesday 3rd October	NSA AGM	7.00pm
Friday 7th October	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES & Animal Agents' celebration	
Friday 13th October	NSA Disco	5.30pm and 6.45pm
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term	
Monday 30th October	Return to school	
Monday 13th November	Individual and sibling Photos	All day
Friday 17th November	NSA Bingo	6.00pm
Tuesday 21st November	FLU VACCINE DAY	All day
Thursday 23rd November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 24th November	Non-uniform day -	
Wednesday 29th November	Parents Meetings for September 2018 starters	6.00pm and 7.00pm
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity	9.30am
Friday 8th December	KS1 Christmas Play	9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 15th December	Year 3 Christmas Play	9.30am
Friday 15th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year5/6 Carol Concert	7.00pm
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Wednesday 3rd January 2018	First day of Spring Term	
Friday 9th February	Last day of half term	
Monday 19th February	Return to school	
Thursday 29th March	End of Spring Term	
Tuesday 17th April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 25th May	Last day of half term	
Tuesday 5th June	Return to school	
Friday 20th July	End of school year	



on Tuesday 3rd October.

Put the event dates in your calendars and diaries - Disco, Bingo, Christmas Bazaar.

And please fill up the blue clothing recycling bags and return to the NSA Pavilion on the 27th September but, **please**, not before the day.

THE NSA are ready and raring to go this year but as always can't do anything without parental support and involvement. If you want to get involved in the business affairs of the NSA please attend the AGM

BEAT THE STREET

Look out for this exciting new initiative promoted by the Council. Children will be given fobs to take part in this activity. It is a fun, free game for the community of Colchester to see how far you can walk, cycle and run around your area and around the world.

Walk and cycle for 7 weeks to win prizes for yourself and your team. Every journey you make adds to your total, your team's and the total of the whole community.

It will run from 20 September to 8 November 2017 and anyone living, working or going to a school in Colchester can take part. Find out more on

<https://www.beatthestreet.me/colchester>