

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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POPULAR PARENT WORKSHOP



On Wednesday 25th North held the first of four Phonics Workshops for parents with children in the reception classes. It was well attended and all the parents found it very informative, showing them different games that could be played at home to help their children to learn, whilst still having fun. The children were all keen to show their parents how much they had already learnt in class and to teach them the different sounds.

Zoe Mallett, the course leader from the Wilson Marriage Adult Community Learning, was impressed with how many parents came and enjoyed themselves and is looking forward to the next three weeks. Mrs. Burton reporting

Wakey Wakey Rise and Shine

“Sunrise Club is my favourite Club because I have breakfast and I love toast!” So said Mody, one of Mrs. Ames’ satisfied customers at our Sunrise Club. It has been running for a few weeks now and the children are really enjoying it. Andrei said he loves coming, having his breakfast and having fun. There are a few places left on each day - bookings are taken for specific days or for the whole week. Inquire at the office for further details.



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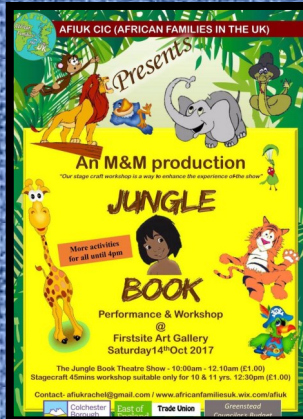


We may just be getting in to the swing of the current academic year but for Year 6 children it is time to consider their next steps. A number of our pupils have taken or will soon sit the 11+ exams. Applications for all secondary schools have to be submitted by October 31st. Most of our families live in St. Helena’s catchment area. The Head of Lower School, Mr. Bidgood, accompanied by Martha (Year 8) and Gracie-Mae (Year 11) visited North on the 26th to speak to Year 5 pupils and their parents on the 26th. Martha spoke about what it felt like starting at secondary school and how she quickly got used to the new school. Gracie Mae spoke of the opportunities to shine. Gracie-Mae is another example of a former pupil of North doing very well - she is Deputy Head Girl. Mr. Bidgood answered lots of questions from the children and parents. The school is open to tours by appointment all week from October 2nd and there is an Open evening on Thursday 5th October.

Your NSA Needs You

Please come to the NSA
Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 3rd October 7.00pm



Tickets available from the school office



Join the Free for All team in the Colchester Half Marathon - Sunday 25th March 2018

For the fifth year, we will be entering a team of for runners for the Half Marathon. Staff who have signed up so far are Mr Armitage, Mrs Ames, Mrs Davies, Miss Moroz and Mrs Watson. If you would like to join our team and raise sponsorship for Free for All we would love to hear from you. This is a fantastic event which has raised over £14,500 for the school in total over the past 4 years. It would be great to see that total go even higher and make the fifth year the biggest and the best! All sponsorship raised will enable the Free for All campaign to continue funding trips and activities for children at North.

If you are interested speak to a member of the team, or speak to Mrs. Sancassani in the school office on 01206 574225 or email freeforall@north.essex.sch.uk to find out more and sign up for the team.

TERM DATES

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	
Thursday 2nd November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 4 Classes	2.00pm
Tuesday 7th November	Reception STAY AND LEARN	9.10am
Wednesday 8th November	Reception STAY AND LEARN	9.10am
Wednesday 8th November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 6 Classes	2pm
Thursday 9th November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 3 Classes	9.10am
Friday 10th November	Reception STAY AND LEARN	9.10am
Monday 13th November	Individual and sibling Photos	All day
Tuesday 14th November	OPEN LESSONS – Year 5 Classes	2.00pm
Wednesday 15th November	OPEN LESSONS - Year 1 Classes + Mrs. Spalding's Class	9.10am
Thursday 16th November	OPEN LESSONS - Miss Jacobs' Class	9.10am
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	

Athletics Event

On Saturday 14th October Colchester Harriers invite current years 5 and 6 athletes - who took part in the Summer Schools Athletics Day to a mini competition at the Garrison track. If you are interested in attending please contact Sally Dobson at sallymdobson@gmail.com stating the name, age, school year and school. School PE kits should be worn at the competition.

GREAT BRITISH MENU

There will be a special lunch on TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER celebrating great British food. Our Catering Company, EATS, are also holding a poetry competition. The children should write a poem on the subject of British food. All entries must be handed to Mrs. Griffin (with children's names and ages) by Friday October 6th. The winning poet will win tickets to take their family bowling.