

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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HARVEST APPEAL

Our harvest appeal was launched in assembly on the 2nd October. Harvest is a time to give thanks for what we have and to help others who are in need. This year our appeal will help **Essex Integration**. This is a non-profit organisation that provides essential support services to newly arriving refugees and migrants accepted under the Home Office Vulnerable Persons Relocation scheme to live in Essex. This charity works on a contract basis for Essex County Council to deliver the core requirements of the scheme, it also provides, as a charitable trust, wider integration support through a range of voluntary and community services.

The children have been learning a song called, *When I needed a Neighbour* for our Harvest Festival on the 20th. They have also been told the parable of the Good Samaritan which sadly seems to have an even more powerful message in these troubled times. Essex Integration are very grateful for our support.

The children have been asked if they can bring in a gift to help turn houses into homes. Here are three ways in which our children can make a difference to newly arriving children and their families.

1. to donate one of their books.
2. to donate a board game (small one) that can be played by children and families.
3. to donate a toy for a child of a similar age.

Mark from Essex Integration will be our guest of honour at the Harvest Festival. He will receive our gifts and explain to the children the difference their kindness will make.

We hope you are able to support the work of this charity. Please do not bring in your gifts until the week of the Harvest Festival. Thank you.



Phenomenal Concert Surprise

On the afternoon of the 2nd two talented musicians, Alec Frank-Gemill and Gretel Dowdeswell, inspired Y4 –Y6 with a phenomenal musical performance. Anthony Bailey, a clarinetist and composer, hosted the event, introducing the music and explaining how the instruments made their sounds.

The excitement built up when the children realised they would be hearing professionals play complex music.... for free! "The pianist really enthralled me," said Amos, Year 6. "They played amazing music and really made our day," agreed Jazil and Maiank, also in Year 6. Mr. Armitage loved watching the speed of Gretel's fingers across the keyboard.

Mr. Garnett was delighted with the children's response to the concert. The musicians were very impressed with *Instruments For All* and hope that all the children make the most of their musical opportunities.

The musicians stopped off at North having performed at the Roman River Musical Festival on the 1st. They are now heading off around the country for their next concerts. This event was made possible by George's mum, Laura Davison, who was one of the festival organisers. Year 6 Writers' Workshop reporting

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**Look out for the report on the
AGM and the plans for the
coming year in the next Newsline**



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

Friday 6th 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

A reminder that there is a change of menu this week celebrating great British food and that 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.