

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

November 2017
Issue 4

Roman Walk

In KS1 the children have been learning about the Romans and about how the town of Colchester was very important to the Romans. Last week Mrs. Parker, a school governor and historian helped us with our learning by showing us evidence that the Romans were once in our town. She visited the Year 1 classes and showed them pictures of things that we can see around us that have been left by the Romans. She then led the Year 2 classes on a walk around the town to show them the evidence first-hand! We looked at things such as the Roman wall along Balkerne Hill, the gate-house at the top of the hill where soldiers would have stood guard watching the road which led to London, the remains of the Roman theatre in the Dutch Quarter. Mrs Parker also told us about jewellery found by archaeologists working on the renovation of Fenwicks that had been buried by Romans fleeing from the attack on Colchester by Boudicca.

Miss Jacobs reporting



Home School Accord

Open Lessons and Stay and Learn sessions have finished now. These lessons give families the opportunity to gain an understanding of how learning works in school. They are useful for every body.

Children say,

Maddison: "It is nice to have our parents come in to help us with our learning."

William: "It was nice to show my mum what I could do in school."

Jayden: "It is nice to spend time with my grandparents."

Parents say,

"James Jarrett: "Anything that brings parents in to school and gives us an insight into how classes work has to be a good thing - especially for working parents."

Tina Pomroy: "I have been to lots of these. I love the opportunity to interact with my children. I like to find out what they are learning so that I can help them more at home."

Teachers

Miss Brooker: "It was a great turn-out. I loved watching the children and parents working together – their concentration was amazing."

Mr. Armitage: "It is a brilliant opportunity for parents to see how we promote the characteristics of good learners."

Mrs. Sage: "As a teacher new to the school it is really helpful to me to get an opportunity to meet parents."



CYBER SAFETY

FREE information and advice

- ONLINE RISK: Looking at the risks in some online spaces
- ONLINE EXTORTION: How it happens
- CONFIDENTIALITY: Encouraging children into the world of parenting

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2017 7.30pm

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parentzone

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the people of Colchester

Tickets available from the office, including tickets for the crèche.



North School Association

Bingo Night - a family treat. 6 games of prize bingo and a fish supper. What could be a better way to spend a Friday evening.

17th November.

Don't miss out

Parent Consultations 23rd 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.

Netball Match

On Monday 6th November we played against Heathlands Primary School. For the first quarter it was some of the best netball I have seen our team play and I was very much encouraged. However, the middle of the game showed their strength when everything they shot converted into goals for their team. It seemed as if they had the Midas touch. We fought valiantly until the end but again they proved too strong for us this time. We have no more matches until the spring term but will continue to practise on Monday evenings.

Mrs Eves reporting



Crèche Booking Forms

Children will be busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances over the next few weeks. The shows are a time for parents to relax and enjoy the productions without worrying about babies and pre-school children. If you can, please make arrangements for siblings to be looked after by friends or relatives. If not, you will be asked to drop off your child(ren) in the crèche when you arrive.

Look out for crèche booking forms which are being sent out this week and return them to the office by 1st December. Thank you

Staff Car Park

Parents are reminded that the car park at the front of the school is for staff use only. For safety reasons, please do not use the car park for before or after school clubs, or for nursery drop offs and collections. The car park is in constant use not only for staff but for delivery lorries too and it is not safe for children to walk in the car park area whilst vehicles are moving.

Victoria Chase

Please do not park on the pavement - children and parents with buggies have to walk on the road. This is not safe and illegal.

Tickets are being issued by council wardens.

Ofsted report should be published in the next 10 days.

TERM DATES

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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
Friday 1st December	NSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity	9.30am
Thursday 7th December	E-Safety Evening	7.30pm
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	