

# NEWSLINE



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A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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## National Lottery support Home Coming Project to mark First World War Centenary

**Project Manager, Laura Davison writes:** *North Primary School have received £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the project 'Home Coming'. Made possible by National Lottery players through HLF's First World War then and now programme, the project will investigate the lives of former pupils and staff from North Primary School, who returned to Colchester after serving in the First World War, exploring the social impact the war had on their returning to civilian life.*

*'Home Coming' is the final part of a trilogy of projects, continuing on from the highly successful 'We Will Remember Them' and 'Discovering Their Footsteps'. The Year 5 teachers and pupils will work with Historian Claire Driver and me to research and identify former pupils and staff. We will visit Colchester town centre to discover and evidence the urban heritage associated with WWI, to promote understanding of what Colchester was like one hundred years ago.*

*This trip will be the beginnings of a journey in making heritage relevant for the pupils, laying the initial foundations of understanding WWI and its impact on their society, inspiring them in taking the project forward.*

*The pupils will also visit Colchester Museum Services and Essex Record Office to use primary sources such as the school log book, photographs and maps to discover how an archivist works and gain understanding of how these sources can help them to find out about the former pupils and the history of Colchester in the aftermath of war. Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the Holly Trees Museum where objects, photographs, memorabilia and diaries from WWI are on display. The exhibits include the medals of Royal Reginald Gomer, who was a former pupil at North Primary School.*

*To mark the Centenary of the First World War, the project will enable local people in Colchester to come together to preserve the memories and heritage of the people who lived through the First World War. We will be hosting public events for the local community and families to be involved in the project and share their histories, memories and experiences of how they were affected.*

**If you know anyone who went to North Primary School and returned to Colchester after serving in WWI, share your story by contacting us on [northwillrememberthem@outlook.com](mailto:northwillrememberthem@outlook.com).**

*We will be recruiting a team of volunteers to help collect photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of keepsakes, as well as family tales passed down to help build a clear picture of what life was really like. If you are interested in volunteering on the project, please contact us.*

*The pupils will record evidence within their case. The information gathered will be digitally recorded and an on-line archive will be created where the public can access the information, contribute, share and research information.*

*'Home Coming' will culminate on the centenary of the end of WWI, November 11th 2018, which is also the 124th anniversary of North Primary School opening, sharing the heritage at local commemorations.*

*Pictured below at the launch: Joan Free showing the children a photo of her relatives (centre photo) who fought in the war. The children have the task of researching these soldiers life stories and the life stories of many other former pupils who survived the war. Bottom right, Laura Davison launching the project.*





### North School Association

There was a good turn-out for Bingo Night. It was a fun evening. The next NSA event is a *Pre-Loved Uniform Sale*. This will be held on Monday 27th November from 2.45pm in the Community Room.

After that, of course, on Friday 1st December from 6.00pm is.....

### THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

### Development Football – Heathlands vs North

North Football team travelled to Bergholt on the 17<sup>th</sup> for their second game of the season. Following the heavy defeat against Montgomery the coach had worked the players hard on the training ground, but the team knew they were in for a tough test against Heathlands, the league's form team, who had recently comfortably beaten county champions, Kelvedon.

Defensive solidity was created by adopting a new formation – The Christmas Tree – with 3 at the back with Tolu given the licence to play a libero role. This could work as long as the midfield and lone striker could link and attack at pace. Early signs were encouraging. It was obvious that Heathlands had some very good footballers but North's good team shape and tenacious attitude, bolstered by debutant Joe, was causing problems and many goalscoring opportunities. North were unlucky to end the first half 1-0 down. The second half was more open and Taabish made some great saves in goal but North came very close to equalising on several occasions. 1-0 was the final score. A great match. The team should be proud of their improvement.

### School Photo Orders

**Return by  
Friday 24th November**

**Thank you**

### 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

### TERM DATES

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Tuesday 21st November	FLU VACCINE DAY	All day
Thursday 23rd November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 24th November	Non-uniform day—donations for the Bazaar please	
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	