

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Letter from Mrs. Blackwell, Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent's evening, and to chat with some of you to gain your views about the school, the learning that is taking place and the latest Ofsted report.

The governors are rightly very proud of the school, and feel the Ofsted report gives an excellent reflection of the school and all the hard work that has taken, and is taking place. From our discussions with you it would seem we are all in agreement, and it was lovely to hear the positive comments from you about the report, and the reassurance that you are happy with the school.

We have had a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education in the Local Authority, congratulating the school on the report, and commending our determination to continue to do the best for our school community.

We have an excellent staff team at North who work continuously to provide the best for all the children. Our congratulations should go to them for their contribution toward this excellent report, and our thanks for all the hard work that they do.

We also asked many of you if you were aware of the Visible Learning programme. This has been introduced throughout the school, the children are all becoming very familiar with it and it is helping them to become independent learners understanding what they are learning, the skills of a good learner, what they need to do next, and how they can do this. You will see evidence of the programme in your children's books, on the learning walls in their classrooms and in the teachers weekly letters. Please ask your children about it, and how it is helping them.

We are now on the road to 'Outstanding', this is the aim of the school for the next Ofsted inspection. In the spring term we will be looking for new parent governors to join us in this quest. Meantime we hope you enjoy the rest of the term, and all the exciting activities that take place as part of the Christmas celebrations. I look forward to seeing you at some of the events.

Best wishes,

Jan Blackwell

Footballers Overjoyed

It was quite an auspicious day for North due to their first win of the season against St. James' at St. Helena's floodlit astro pitch on Thursday 23rd.

First, the team lined up for a friendly handshake. After getting in in position, St. James' began the game.

One pass for St. James and Joe claimed the tackle. Passing it back to him, Tolu, a defender, skilled everyone up and shot from the penalty area and straight into the goal! St. James' got the ball and managed incredible teamwork and very soon, their striker faced Taabish (North's goalkeeper) with no other defender. Taabish came out and just in time, Suhrab astonishingly, tackled the striker. Passing it to Joe, the midfielder, Joe shot from about 5m from St. James' goal. The goalkeeper dived and almost saved it, however, Joe's shot was too hard and it went into the top-right corner. Just then it was half time.

The second half was more open for St. James and their keeper made some phenomenal saves! Although their strikers had countless opportunities of scoring goals, unfortunately for St. James' North's defenders were too strong and the match ended with a victory of 2-0 to North.

Taabish reporting.

Mr. Garnett adds, "Overall, the team deserved their first victory against a good St. James team. North continue to progress individually and collectively, showing more positional awareness and creating more flowing passing movements. Taabish's report is very modest - it was not only the North defence that did its job - he made some fine saves too. Benjamin and Damian made encouraging debuts."





THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Raffle tickets We are very grateful to Sir Bob Russell for once again sponsoring our raffle tickets. How are you getting on with selling the raffle tickets? If your family, neighbours and workmates have bought them all, pop into the office and pick up some more.

Non-Uniform Day Thank you all for your gifts. The NSA will put them to good use at the bazaar, The children looked very colourful. Joey (pictured), introduced the assembly.



NSA Christmas Bazaar 6.00pm Friday 1st December

Watch Santa arrive at 5.45pm and meet him in his grotto
Listen to the School Choir
Enjoy craft stalls and games
Mulled wine and festive food
Grand Draw
A great night out for all the family - see you there

Parking - Can You Help?
As you know, we have limited parking in the staff car park. Many staff are not allocated a parking space. Some parents have been kind enough to allow staff – by arrangement - to use their parking space whilst they are not using it. If you are able and willing to allow a member of staff to use your parking space or driveway please contact the school office. 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		
Wednesday 29th November	Parents Meetings for September 2018 starters	6.00pm and 7.00pm
Friday 1st December	NSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	
Tuesday 5th December	Nursery Christmas carols	11.00am and 2.45pm
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	Year 5/6 Carol Concert	7.00pm
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Wednesday 3rd January 2018	First day of Spring Term	