

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Making the Most of Every Opportunity

On Monday 3rd, whilst the other pupils were enjoying the end of their holiday, 51 Year 6s set off for Dorset. Nina loved the giant swing the best - a popular choice. She said that once in the seat her friends pulled on ropes until the swing was really high and she had a beautiful view of the sea. Then they let go and the swing dropped down really fast. Will said the week was "Way better than I expected." He said the activities were great and the chalet was clean and comfy. He had a good word for his room-mates too! Mrs. Wood accompanied the children for the fourth time. She said, "It is wonderful to watch the children challenge themselves and support each other to achieve something special."

A big thank you to Mrs. Walker and all the adults who went to Weymouth for giving the children such a fantastic experience. The final word is from a parent who wrote, "I just wanted to drop you a short note of thanks. Last night we picked up [our son] after 5 strangely quiet days around our house. He has nothing but amazing memories and kind words to say about his time away. Thank you for keeping him safe and thank you for returning him a little bit more prepared for what comes next in his life."

There is a meeting for Year 5 children and their parents on Tuesday 18th September at 2.45pm. Parking will be available in the playground. Note to all parents: the trip to Weymouth is not cheap. The school keeps costs down by going the first week of the Autumn Term - a saving per person of over £50.- and subsidising the cost of the coach. Start putting aside a £1 a week when your child starts school and by Year 5 you will have enough money to pay for the trip.

Cycling to School

You will have noticed bike racks have been installed at the front of the school and at the rear beside the NSA pavilion. We are very grateful to one of our parents, Peter Scopes, manager of the Red Lion Precinct who secured funding for the scooter and bike racks. Look out for the article soon to appear in the local paper.

For children to use the bike racks please abide by the following rules.

Children should only ride to school if parents are confident of their child's competence.

Helmets must be worn.

Bikes are stored at owners risk but must be locked.

Children should dismount and walk into school - courtesy must be shown at all times to pedestrians.

On an organisational note, if a child stays to an after school club the bike should be parked at the front of the school. [The rear gates will be locked.]

Please also note: scooters should not be ridden through the school grounds.

Be The Best You Can Be

This is a phrase schools use all the time for children but it applies to adults too. All North staff are committed to being the best they can be. I am sure you will agree that the same ambition applies to parents. After all, being a parent is the most important role we will ever have. Attached to this email is a poster inviting you to attend a free 8 week parenting course. It is organised by ChildFirst. We are members of this group along with over 20 other local schools. So their parents will be invited to apply. Don't miss out. **APPLY TODAY!**

Visit the ChildFirst website to discover what else they offer parents. <https://>

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TERM DATES

Tuesday 18th September	Y5 Parents Meeting - WEYMOUTH 2018	2.45pm
Monday 1st October	St. Helena's School Open Week begins	
Tuesday 2nd October	FLU VACCINE	
Tuesday 2nd October	NSA Annual General Meeting	
Friday 5th October	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES & Summer Read Celebration	
Friday 12th October	NSA Disco	5.30pm and 6.45pm
Friday 19th October	Last day of half term	
Tuesday 30th October	Return to school, OPEN LESSONS start, dates to follow	
Wednesday 31st October	Secondary School Application Deadline	
Monday 5th November	Individual and sibling photos	All day
Sunday 11th November	Centenary of First World War	
Friday 16th November	NSA Bingo	6.00pm
Thursday 22nd November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Friday 23rd November	Non-uniform day -	
Wednesday 28th November	Parents Meetings for September 2019 starters	6.00pm and 7.00pm
Friday 30th November	NSA Christmas Bazaar	6.00pm
Tuesday 4th December	Nursery Singalong	
Wednesday 5th December	Reception Nativity	9.30am
Friday 7th December	KS1 Christmas Play	9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 14th December	Year 3 Christmas Play	9.30am
Friday 14th December	Year 4 Christmas Play	2.00pm
Tuesday 18th December	Year 5 /6 Carol Concert	7.00pm
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 7th January 2018	First day of Spring Term	
Friday 15th February	Last day of half term	
Monday 25th February	Return to school	
Friday 5th April	End of Spring Term	
Tuesday 23rd April	First day of Summer Term	
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Return to school	
Wednesday 24th July	End of school year	



THE NSA are ready and raring to go this year but as always can't do anything without parental support and involvement. Dates of this term's events are listed above.

If you want to find out more about the NSA get involved in the business affairs of the NSA please attend the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2nd October.

Book Fair 2018

The Book Fair will arrive on Friday 6th October and will be here for a week. You will have the chance to browse and buy from a range of great

To tie in with this event October 5th will be the day we will be celebrating the achievements of the children who took part in Essex Libraries' **Summer Reading Challenge.**