

# NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Issue 3



## Roald Dahl Day a Great Success

That went well! There were scores of Sophie's and George's galore. Willy Wonka was everywhere you turned! Well done to everybody - children and staff who dressed up. Mrs. Shuter and her team were rushed off their feet with 300 meals served. Last year the school council asked if they could have more dressing up days so there will be some. The next one will be on Wednesday 26th September. This one will be easy for parents. It is national fitness day so children can wear their favourite sports clothes to school. Here is the special menu for that day.



## National Day of Fitness Wednesday 26th September Menu

Smokey Joe's BBQ Chicken  
Packed Potato Wedges  
Butternut Squash and Red Pepper Risotto  
Selection of Vegetables and Fresh Salad Bar

## Budget letter and Essex County Standard

I have not had much feedback from parents in response to my letter about the funding difficulties that lie ahead. But of those parents and grandparents who have commented I have been heartened by the kind words of support I have received.

Governors need a clearer picture of what parents' views are and will be circulating a survey in the near future on this issue and other aspects of school life too.

The Essex County Standard are very interested in the subject of future school funding and there will be an article in their September 21st issue. Hopefully the article will be sympathetic to our situation. Heads all over the country are trying to get their local papers to promote this cause too, which will coincide with the story being in the national media all next week in the lead up to a headteachers' march on Downing Street on the 28th.

## Weymouth 2019 Meeting

Next year's trip was launched on the 18th. Mrs. Walker explained to Year 5 children and their parents all about the week. Interesting feedback from one parent. "Mr. Garnett, I remember you saying when the children started school 'put a little away each week and by the time they get to Year 5, you will have saved the money' Well that is what I did!"

**Mrs. Eves reports.** "As you can see from the photo the bike rack at the front of the school is already being well used and the hope is that this number will continue to grow in the future. The scooter park also has a number of scooters each day. On Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th September we are running our first Bikeability course for our current year 6. We have 10 children booked on to do the course. I will look to repeat yearly if possible."



TERM DATES		
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	

### Flu Vaccines Reception to Year 6

All children have been given a leaflet, letter and consent form about the flu vaccinations being carried out at school on Tuesday 2nd October. Please read the information carefully and, if you would like your child to receive the vaccine, return the consent form to school by Thursday 20th September. Please note that children will not be vaccinated if a consent form has not been received.

Children in nursery will not receive the vaccine in school and parents should contact their GP surgeries for information.

### Y6 applications Applying for Secondary School

Year 6 Parents have to submit your children's secondary school applications by the end of October. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Please make sure you apply by the deadline date.