

# NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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## North School Association Annual General Meeting

A big thank you to all the parents who have spoken, emailed or written to me following the newspaper reports last week. Many parents have asked how they can help. Others have offered suggestions. Well, one way to help is to come along to the NSA AGM on the 2nd. Find out what they do to run a range of exciting events and what difference this makes to the children's educational experiences. We need to elect a new committee. The current committee would love to see some new faces and hear your new ideas too. It would be brilliant if you could show your support for the NSA by joining us at **2.30pm on Tuesday 2nd October**. You will be able to park in the lower playground.

## Reading For Pleasure

For some years we have been grateful to staff from Hiscox who give up their own time to share books and listen to children reading. Recently Seatrade employees have started to help too. Helen Sebborn, pictured right, listening to Freddie read, is one of 6 Seatraders who pop in to share their love of reading with the children. They love these opportunities and so do the volunteers. Helen says she finds the experience rewarding. We are very grateful to Helen and all the other staff from Seatrade and Hiscox for their help.



The children have been finding out about Julia Donaldson in assembly. The younger children love her books and those stories also bring back happy memories for the older children (who probably still enjoy them secretly). Everybody was fascinated by some of the charity work Julia does.

KS1 are going to be reading lots of her books this term. If you want to find out more visit [www.juliadonaldson.co.uk](http://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk)

Football shirts were the order of the day for the majority of pupils on **National Day of Fitness**. Sadly, not one pupil wore a Saints shirt. There were many other sporty outfits too bringing lots of colour to brighten the day.

Our Sports Coach was delighted to see so many sporty-looking children. The amount of physical activity that children at North can experience - before, during and after school; class, inter-class and school v school competition - is amazing. This means that the school is ready to apply for the SportsMark. Mrs. Eves will be submitting our application in 2019.

## The United Colours of North



AFIUK PRESENTS  
A Networking & Cultural Educational Event  
*A Celebration of our strength in Diversity*

**FREE ENTRY**

**Tuesday 2nd Oct 2018  
10am to 5pm**

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES  
ACE DOING HEALTH CHECKS  
DRUMMING  
ESSEX CHILDREN UNIVERSITY  
*Bring your passport to earn points*  
MULTI-CULTURAL & HALAL FOOD ON SALE  
CHILDREN ACTIVITIES  
JAJAJA STORY TIME BY GENEVIEVE YUSUF

Firstsite Art Gallery  
High Street, Lewis Gardens  
Colchester, CO1 1PG  
Enquiries:  
[afiukrachel@gmail.com](mailto:afiukrachel@gmail.com)

## Black History Month

A whole range of family events will be held during October. Pop along to Firstsite after school on the 2nd to attend this event (above). Find out more by emailing [afiukrachel@gmail.com](mailto:afiukrachel@gmail.com)

**TERM DATES**

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Monday 1st October	St. Helena's School Open Week begins	
Tuesday 2nd October	FLU VACCINE	
Tuesday 2nd October	NSA Annual General Meeting	2.30pm
Friday 5th October	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES & Summer Read Celebration	
Friday 5th October	St. Helena Roadshow - Y5/6 children and parents	2.30pm
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	

**Reminder for Year 6 parents  
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.

Staff from St Helena school will be holding a Roadshow at North on Friday 5th October at 2.30pm. Parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to come along. Parking will be available in the playground.