

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

October 2018



SCHOOL COUNCIL READY FOR ACTION

"We are going to be the best school council North has ever had." That is a bold statement, expressed by all at their first meeting, held on the 8th. At their second meeting they elected the officers who will have the task of helping the council to realise this ambition. Joe is the Chair, Millie is the Secretary, Sophie the treasurer and the press secretary is Olivia.

If the election addresses of the Year 6s is anything to go by they could be right. The Year 6s speeches were thoughtful, respectful and gracious - qualities sadly absent from most politicians today.

North School Invades the Castle

In the first week of October all of the children in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to visit Colchester Castle as part of their history topic about The Romans.

The day was filled with activities such as building a Roman Villa and an Iron-Age roundhouse, working as archaeologists to solve clues from fragments of ancient artefacts and observing the displays within the museum galleries. All of the children participated in a story tour about Boudica's revolt against The Romans in Colchester, whilst sitting in the vaults under the castle where this important part of Colchester's history actually took place.

Krystian said, "I really enjoyed listening to the story of Boudica under the castle." Sebastian said "I enjoyed finding out information about Celtic life during the iron-Age.

Mrs. Skinner said, "The teachers were very proud of their children. They were great ambassadors for the school. Trips like these bring learning alive and will make such a difference to the children's work back in the classroom."

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended the visit which was completely funded by Free for All.

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76 Pairs of Old Shoes Required

At the end of this month there will be an exhibition in the Minories commemorating the First World War. Work from our WE WILL REMEMBER THEM project from 2014-2015 will be exhibited - a very great honour indeed. To complete the display we have been asked to provide 76 pairs of old school shoes - one pair for every former North pupil who died in battle. If you have any of your children's old school shoes that are no longer worn we would be grateful to take them off your hands. Thank you.

Art Competition

In assembly on the 10th Mr. Armitage launched an art competition for Y1-6. The children were given a flyer to take home. Have you seen it?



HARVEST APPEAL 2018

The school Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 19th October. At this time of the year we give thanks for what we have and think of those

less fortunate than ourselves. Sadly, Foodbanks are becoming more necessary for more and more families in Colchester, including some of the families in our community. Please give what you can. There is no need to send anything in to school until next week. Thank you.



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FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER INFANTS 5.30 - 6.30 JUNIORS 6.45- 8.00



NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN LESSONS AND STAY AND LEARNS

Wed 31st October @ 2.00pm	Year 6	Tues 6th November	Reception
Wed 7th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Neal	Tues 13th November	
Wed 7th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Spalding	Wed 14th November	
Thurs 8th November @ 9.15am	Miss Wicks	Nursery Stay and Learn	
Thurs 8th November @ 9.15am	Miss Jacobs	12th –16th November	
Fri 9th November @ 2.00pm	Year 4	Please look on Tapestry for precise details	
Tues 13th November @ 9.15am	Year 5		

TERM DATES

Friday 12th October	NSA Disco	5.30pm and 6.45pm
Friday 19th October	Harvest Festival	
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	