

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

October 2018



Harvest Festival 2018

The whole school squeezed into the Junior Hall on the 19th to celebrate harvest. It was Reception's first visit to a whole school assembly. Along with all the other children they lined up to present their gifts to Year 6 councillors who arranged the tins, boxes and packets into a wonderful display. The whole school sang *Cauliflowers Fluffy*. Zara, Betsy, Lily, Liepa, Oscar, Will, Derek, Olivia, Millie and Hajar told the true stories of three people whose lives had been changed by a Foodbank. The children also learnt about the charity organisation - The Trussell Trust - which started foodbanks. The infants sang to the juniors, a round called, *Picking Up Conkers*. And the juniors sang *Autumn Days*. The special guest was Ann Barney (picture right), one of the volunteers at the Colchester Foodbank. She thanked the children for the gifts and explained what they do with the food. She also explained how adults can use the foodbank. Sadly, more and more people are coming to the Foodbank for help (see right). School Council hope to visit the Foodbank before Christmas so they can see for themselves the difference this makes to families in Colchester.



Current Foodbank Data

Jan 2018 – Sept 2018

3044 adults helped
1707 children helped

"From January to August, we have given out 520 family parcels (450) - 15% more since last year." Ann Barney.

The Trussell Trust is a charity founded on Christian principles. They work with people of all faiths and none, but are inspired to do what we do by the words of Jesus in Matthew 25: 35 – 36.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

How Successful is North at Growing Mathematicians?

This is just one of the questions that local headteachers Mr. Cranfield (Heathlands) and Mr. Bull (Bishop William Ward) sought to answer when they visited the school on the 18th. They spoke to pupils, they spoke to teachers. They looked at books and data. They also toured the school and dropped in on lessons. The children made them feel very welcome and were proud to explain how they are doing in maths and what helps them to learn.

The two Heads will write a report which the teachers will discuss when they meet on the 9th November. The meeting will be facilitated by teachers from the other schools. Ms. Palmer, who leads the Maths and Computing Team, will draft action points arising from the report. The collaborative work of our three schools (The Triad) has been recognised as good practice by Ofsted and the local authority.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

A big "thank you" to everybody who has brought in shoes. The exhibition is now open at the Minories. It is well worth a visit. Over the next few weeks the centenary of the ending of World War 1 will be a huge event across the country. The school are proud to play our part through the exhibition at the Minories and the unveiling of the COMING HOME commemorative work of art on the 11th, which Year 6 are leading.

Parents Meeting 2.00pm Thurs. 22nd November

How much do you know about **Visible Learning**? Come and find out more. Put this date in your diary. Details to follow.



The NSA held their first committee meeting of the year on the 16th. Chair, Katie Randall, was delighted to see so many new faces and welcome them on to the committee. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm. It should be an exciting year ahead. The Discos were a great success, so much so that there was a massive queue for the infant disco. Plans will be made to speed entry up next time. The next event is Bingo Night on Friday 16th and then The Christmas Bazaar on the 30th. There are plans to re-open the cake stall every Friday. It would be great if children could make cakes for this - look out for recipes on the classes weekly newsletters. Plans are underway to introduce a world food market on a Friday once a month. What a great way that will be to start the weekend. But remember, **ASK NOT WHAT THE NSA CAN DO FOR YOU BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE NSA!**

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

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	Visible Learning Parent Meeting	2.00pm
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	