

# NEWSLINE

North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos



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## Nursery and Reception Special Christmas

The Nursery got our Christmas show season off to a lovely start with a singalong followed by hot chocolate and biscuits. The children, stood in the pergola which makes for a perfect stable-like setting, sang their hearts out in front of very proud parents and grandparents. Afterwards they mingled indoors, enjoying the refreshments. Well done to all the children and staff.



**Humph The Camel a Tri-Humph!**  
Reception dazzled their families with a sparkling show and then enjoyed a well deserved after-party in the junior hall where food and drink was enjoyed and show souvenirs could be purchased. What a lovely morning.

## GOVERNORS' CORNER a new occasional feature in Newsline

Chair of Governors, Jan Blackwell writes,

On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank all the parents who completed the online survey. Governors discussed and analysed your responses at length on the 3rd. A detailed summary of the results and action points will be circulated at the start of the new year.

I would also like to welcome on board new parent governors Claire Rogerson, Mubeena Siddiqi and Duncan Stewart. As there were three candidates for three vacancies there was no need for an election. However I think it is important that you know who they are and why they want to be governors. This information can be found overleaf.



### New Ways to Help the School

Amazon has recently created a way for you to support the NSA every time you shop on their website at no extra cost to you!

To set it up, you just need to go to

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1032262-0>

### Colchester Accordion Showband Christmas Concert

We are thrilled that the national award-winning showband are returning to North on Sunday 16th December. They will be joined by a junior choir, led by Mrs. Skinner. Tickets are available from the school office.

### Meet our Three New Parent Governors

#### Mubeena Siddiqi

I have been a part of the North Primary community for almost four years and have two very happy daughters in Reception and Year 3. I have a Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology with an emphasis on childhood trauma. I currently work at the Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA) providing therapy for children who have experienced sexual violence.

The recent news of the funding shortfall has had a profound impact on me and I have found myself to be both angry and inspired to support North. I am pleased to be offered this opportunity to work towards ensuring that North continues to be a positive social, emotional and learning

environment despite the current funding climate.

#### Claire Rogerson

I have two really happy children at North, a proudly inclusive and diverse community school. I have a genuine desire to uphold this special ethos and to ensure that North is a school we and our children can continue to be proud of. I hope that my experience of leading improvement projects, strategic planning and my open communication skills will be helpful.

#### Duncan Stewart

I'm married with two children (the eldest, Luke, is in Year 2 at North Primary school). I've lived in Colchester since 2003 and work for

Ingleton Wood, a multi-disciplinary property and consultancy practice, also in Colchester, as a Senior Chartered Architectural Technologist. We are a Christian family and regularly attend our local Church, Kingsland, in Stanway, with my wife leading the children's choir.

I have always taken a keen interest in where I live. I try to support/get involved in the local community wherever possible and currently do so in my role as a Special Constable for Essex Police. I am really passionate about children having the best possible start in life and would love to be able to help/support the challenging yet amazing work being done at the school.

### TERM DATES

|                           |   |                   |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Friday 7th December       | KS1 Christmas Play                              | 9.30am and 2.00pm |
| Thursday 13th December    | Christmas Lunch                                 |                   |
| Thursday 13th December    | Year 3 Christmas Play                           | 6.30pm            |
| Friday 14th December      | Year 3 Christmas Play                           | 9.30am            |
| Friday 14th December      | Year 4 Christmas Play                           | 2.00pm            |
| Sunday 16th December      | Colchester Accordion Showband Christmas Concert | 10.30am           |
| Tuesday 18th December     | Year 5 /6 Carol Concert                         | 7.00pm            |
| Wednesday 19th December   | Last day of Autumn Term                         |                   |
| Monday 7th January 2019   | 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                              |                   |
| Monday 2nd September 2019 | Year 6 residential to Weymouth                  |                   |
| Thursday 5th September    | First day of new school year                    |                   |