

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Issue 1

Colchester Half
Marathon
Sunday 24th March

Rights Respecting School
Assessment
11th March

Launch of the school's
125th birthday project
Thursday 22nd January

Happy New Year

It was good to welcome the children back on the 7th and to welcome a number of new pupils and their families. And what a lovely surprise to see so many amazing Roman Villas - families had been very busy over the holiday period!

Classes are getting back into routines and starting new topics. You will find out more details through the teachers' letters.

The Spring Term always seems so busy - maybe because it is shorter than the others. Dates for many upcoming events are listed overleaf, dates for other events are still to be confirmed.

Open Afternoon
KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 2nd April

NSA SPRING FAIR
Friday 29th March

Governors will publish the results of the
Parent Survey this month.

Easter Parade
Friday 5th April

Making a Difference

As you can see Matilda has had her hair cut to raise money for EACH who are helping her best friend Abigail. Visit her webpage, and you can help to make a difference too.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matildafrancis>



"My friend Abigail has suddenly been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour, she's only 9 years old. She's been one of my



best friends since I was 4 years old when we started school together. We first became friends when we both complimented each other's headband. My favourite thing about Abigail is that she's hilarious - always laughing at the silliest of things with me. I'm missing singing Katy Perry songs with her, to Abby."

and playing 'It' in the playground. I don't really feel like I make a big difference to help her at the moment, but my Mum says that EACH are helping her and her family, so I'd like to raise money for them. I'm also going to cut off my hair really short, so I can donate hair to make a wig for another child who is in a similar position

Matilda, your new hair style looks great.



S Mr. Hope is a learning support assistant who has been with us for the past few years. He leaves on the 11th to take up a new position at Hamilton Road.
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A Mrs. Clarke will be teaching 6S on Fridays.
F Mrs. Maclean has just joined our Middy Assistant Team. Mr.
N Catchpole is going to be teaching Mrs. Neal's class some of the time this term as part of his teacher training course. What
E better place to learn how to become an excellent teacher.
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S Thank you to Mr. Hope and best wishes to all four.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Robotics Team who have won through to the National Finals of a robot programming competition taking place in Telford over two days in March. To qualify they competed against a number of secondary schools some of whom they beat - including the grammar school. The team - Joel, Alex, Will, Joe and Talia are very excited. Well done and good luck to the team who attend Robot Club with Mrs. Walker after school every Monday.



The NSA have a busy term ahead with a number of events to organise. Their first meeting of the term is at 7.00pm on Monday 14th January. Please let secretary, Lyn Hemeury, know if you would like to attend. Leave a message via the NSA facebook page or the school office. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help at future events please contact her in the same way.

**It is that time of the year again!
What to do if it snows**

As you know we do everything we can to avoid closing the school but last year we had no choice. If the decision is made to not open the school you will be informed via parentmail and the notice will be posted on the homepage of the website. Please, please, please do not ring the school - we need the phone line kept open so we can communicate with staff. Thank you.

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> log in and then click "Start shopping".

Beat the winter blues and dress up as a
SUPERHERO

Themed Lunch Day
Thursday 17th January

The normal menu for the day will be replaced by the following

*Peter Parker's Pepperoni Pizza or
Captain Marvel's Margheritta Pizza

*Chips

*Batman's Baked Beans or Super Corn

*Ant-Man's Chocolate Cupcake

TERM DATES

Thursday 17th January	SUPERHERO THEMED LUNCH	See above
Friday 25th January	NSA Disco	5.30 and 6.45pm
Monday 4th February	Choir sing at O ₂	All day and all night!
Friday 8th February	Purple Pinky Day - Rotary Club Fundraiser	
Friday 15th February	Last day of half term	
Monday 25th February	Return to school	
Friday 1st March	Chocodolly Evening	Details soon
Saturday 16th March	Children's University Graduation Ceremony	Invitation only!
Sunday 24th March	Colchester Half Marathon	9.00am start
Tuesday 26th March	Colchester Music Festival	6.30pm
Friday 29th March	NSA Spring Fair	After school
Tuesday 2nd April	Open Afternoon (KS1 and KS2) 2.00pm. Reception Stay and Learn dates to follow	
Friday 5th April	Easter Parade and Governors' Awards	assembly
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	