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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Success in the Sportshall Athletics Festival

On Wednesday 16th January a group of 19 Year 5 and 6 children went to the University of Essex to compete in the first heat of the Sportshall Athletics Competition. The children took part in both individual events and also a number of team relays. It was a great team effort and they all performed with enthusiasm and commitment. The support that they gave each other was fantastic and the cheering was deafening. The team ended up coming in second place and are therefore through to the finals in two weeks' time. Well done to all the team and a big thank you to Mr Addley and Mrs Dines who helped to transport the children to the event.

Mrs Eves reporting



Abigail's Funeral

Abby's funeral will be held on February 6th. Some staff will be attending on behalf of the school. School will open as usual. We will hold our own special 'service' at school on the 8th. This will be for older pupils – juniors – and parents of Year 5 children will be invited. With regards to the funeral, flowers are from family only. Donations to be made to East Anglian Children's Hospice, with the name Abigail McGrath. Abby's friends have been asked to provide some stories which will be passed on to the celebrant for inclusion in the service. Some parents have expressed their condolences through cards which have been collected in the office and will be passed on to the family.

Safe and Responsible Driving and Parking

Traffic police and parking attendants will be carrying out checks along John Harper Street and Victoria Chase. Sadly some parents continue to ignore the Highway Code and put children's safety at risk. Recent offences include:

Driving too fast down Victoria Chase;

Parking on double yellows;

Parking on the pavement, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road;

Blocking the Victoria Chase entrance into School.

Parent Survey Report

Look out for a letter from Mrs. Blackwell, Chair of Governors, with a summary of the report. A more detailed analysis of the survey will be available on the website from the 22nd. It is very interesting and well worth a read.



NSA DISCO FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

Infants & Nursery: 5.30 – 6.30pm (parents must stay): £1.50

Juniors: 6.45 – 8.00pm: £2.00

The Netball team were back in action on the 17th, this time the opposition was Heathlands School. In the first three quarters we managed to keep the score line down and it was a tightly fought game. There was some great interlinking play from our team but unfortunately we were unable to convert our mid court game into scoring opportunities. Although we lost the game, the teacher from Heathlands came over to me at the end and said how much she thought our team had improved. I was greatly encouraged by this and hopefully it will give the team a boost of confidence ready to face the next game. Well done to all the children who played. Mrs. Eves reporting

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.

Superheroes!

The school must have been the safest place on Earth or even The Universe on the 17th. Altogether there were 169



superheroes on site all day (counting Mrs. Ames who got into the spirit of the event), protecting children and staff from evil supervillains. Asiya and Sonny counted them all. There was a great range. Most popular were bat people – 42. There were 26 spiderpeople, 14 Captain Americas and 12 Wonder Women. Superhero cooks served up 283 lunches. Great fun. Well done everybody. Look out for the next special lunch day coming soon.

TERM DATES

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	