

NEWSLINE

North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Birthday Party At North - All Invited!

The school gathered in the junior hall on Tuesday 22nd for the launch of another amazing history project. Laura Davison has done it again. She has been successful in securing National Lottery support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the project **CXXV: North Primary School's 125th Anniversary**. The school was opened on November 12th 1894, the first state board school in Colchester which makes it so important to National Heritage. The project will tell the story of the school's history and will involve a big celebration on its 125th anniversary on November 12th.

At the launch assembly Year 5 pupils read from the school's logbook to paint a picture of what the school was like when it opened. They have a big role to play in the project and will work closely with historian Claire Driver to dig deeper into the school's history.

Laura will be coordinating a big team of experts, who were all present for the launch. Lexden History Society were present, as was Sir Bob and Lady Russell. Web designer John Walleth is on board to gather the evidence and make it available through a website and social media.

But it will be more than just a history project. Nicola Burrell and Lisa Temple-Cox are artists and they will be working with the children to explore how to creatively interpret the school's history. They are also commissioned to make a permanent artwork. Animator and photographer Ron Suffield will create an animated timeline of the school's history which will be accessed through the school's website.

The success of the project will be measured by the extent of the involvement of the local community. There will be a series of public events where we will aim to identify the social history of the school and its place in the local community by actively engaging a wide range of people, including current and former staff and pupils, families and older residents. People will be invited to share their memories, donate objects, photographs and memorabilia. These will be deposited in the school's archive to ensure the heritage is accessible for future generations. During these community sessions, Colchester Recalled are supporting us with recording people's oral histories about life at North Primary School.

The first community event will be held on Saturday 2nd February, 10am – 1pm, at the school.



Pictures

Laura Davison with some Year 5s.
Artists, Nicola Burrell and Lisa Temple Cox
Overleaf: Group photo - you may see this in the local paper.

If you would like to see more photos visit this facebook page.

www.facebook.com/colchesterlifeinphotographs/

Saturday 2nd February

There will be a range of activities - for adults and children to enjoy. All are welcome. Please talk to friends, family, neighbours and workmates to publicise the event. Drop in any time between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Thank you.



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

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Spring Fair will now be held on
Friday 22nd March



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 do not ring the school - we need the phone line kept open so we can communicate with staff. Thank you.

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 is now available on the website. It is very interesting and well worth a read.

TERM DATES

Friday 25th January	NSA Disco	5.30 and 6.45pm
Saturday 2nd February	125th Anniversary Community Event	10.00am -1.00pm
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!
Friday 22nd March	NSA Spring Fair	After school
Sunday 24th March	Colchester Half Marathon	9.00am start
Tuesday 26th March	Colchester Music Festival	6.30pm
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	