

# NEWSLINE

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## North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos.

Looking forward to its 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit [www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)

### "Wow, I learned So Much!"

The junior hall and classrooms were buzzing on the final afternoon of the half term as children showed their families their history project work. Mrs. Skinner, Head of KS2 was delighted with the children's work and the response from parents and grandparents, many of whom wrote messages...

"My son taught me so many interesting facts about James I and even quizzed my knowledge. The student has become the teacher."

"I love Monarchs' Week - the children are really engaged and it's great to be able to spend time with them in the classroom seeing all their work."

"I think it's a fabulous idea that it has become an annual event. Wonderful teachers. Excellent school."

"British Monarchs has been a very informative subject and I can see it was a fun subject. Well thought out."

"We have all been doing lots of research at home about Queen Victoria. I think it's wonderful North do Monarchs Week."

## MONARCH WEEK



### Claire Heaton

Mrs. Heaton will cease her role as a learning support assistant at the end of this term. She has been associated with the school for many years; from 1996 as a parent and member of



the NSA committee, and from 2000 as a LSA performing a range of roles. She has made a huge contribution to the school, beyond the remit of her LSA duties, as choir leader, music co-ordinator of KS1 productions and inspiration for KS1 art too. She has helped raise funds for Free For All through her own art exhibitions and sales, also illustrating *Melancholy Moon*. Claire is taking voluntary redundancy and using it as an opportunity to pursue her many interests and talents but she is very keen to continue her association with the school - the choir will carry on as normal. Claire embodies everything that is great about the staff of North - commitment, passion, creativity and generosity of spirit. If you would like to make a contribution to her leaving present please drop off your donation at the school office. Thank you.

## GOVERNOR CORNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to all of you who have supported us in signing the letter to Will Quince, with regard to the funding crisis. We have had an excellent response with 231 signatures so far. **If you have not yet signed there is still the opportunity to do so, governors will be in the playground again this week.**

We had planned to organise a walk to Will Quince's surgery in Layer Road on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March to deliver the letter, unfortunately Will is not there that afternoon, but he has offered to meet with governors in the morning of that day.

Meantime there will be parliamentary debate taking place this week and next on education funding, and we have sent Will some questions that we would like to see raised.

At this stage it is important we all keep up the pressure on our MP's to guarantee increased funding to ensure security and future provision for our children's education.

We will keep you informed of our progress, and hope to have press coverage to further raise the plight of the funding crisis and its effect on schools.

Jan Blackwell





## Instruments For All



Valentines Day was made very special by 4OH. They impressed Mr. Bosch and all their parents with superb playing of their instruments. Every flautist produced a pure sound. The saxophonists and clarinetists played with energy and passion. The violinists bowed with perfect rhythm and synchronicity. They have achieved so much in such a short period of time. They have certainly made the most of this unique opportunity.



### TERM DATES

Friday 1st March	Chocodolly Evening	7.00pm
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Grandparent Afternoon	
Friday 8th March	NSA DISCO	5.30pm & 6.45pm
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 10th May	NSA Bingo Night	6.00pm
Friday 24th May	Penny Race	
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Return to school	
Friday 7th June	NSA Quiz Night	Details to follow
Friday 5th July	NSA Summer Fete	6.00pm
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	