

# NEWSLINE

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Issue 2



## North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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

### Attendance 2018-2019

For the past couple of years annual attendance figures have been shared with parents. They make interesting reading. There are 190 days in one school year. Every day of absence is approximately 0.5%.

#### How would you interpret this data?

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DISTRIBUTION				
CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION				
	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
GOOD ATTENDANCE				
100%	6%	5%	4.67%	9%
99%	18.50%	15%	15%	17%
98%	37.20%	29%	32.20%	31%
97%	48.10%	41%	47.20%	44%
96%	60.50%	57%	54.30%	53%
95%	68.10%	66%	63.40%	65%
POOR ATTENDANCE				
94% & below	22.80%	24.20%	28.70%	21%
89% PERSISTENT ABSENTEES				
89% & below	9%	10%	7.90%	14%

### The School View

The mean average attendance rate for the whole year was 94.4%.

The median average attendance rate for the whole schools was 96.58%.

This variance shows the impact a significant minority of children, have on the school.

Looking behind the data and understanding every child's situation has enabled managers to identify appropriate responses to individual cases and there have been a number of successes. Some children with medical conditions will always have low attendance.

Families can encounter problems which make it impossible for the child to attend school for a certain period of time. We aim to be sympathetic and supportive in these cases. But what is clear is that overall, year on year, approximately a third of the school population have an attendance rate below 95% and that persistent absentee figures have increased significantly. Improving attendance and punctuality remain key school priorities.

The quality of education that staff provide at North is amazing. And they work flat out to support those children who are struggling to make progress. It is incredibly frustrating if those children have spasmodic attendance and/or are late on a regular basis.

### CARNIVAL

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH

As part of our anniversary celebrations we are planning to hold a carnival capturing the spirit of our vibrant school community.

And we want you to help make it happen.

Do you have your own street food business or know of someone who does?

Are you in a dance band?

Are you in a choir or music group?

Do you know someone who has a fairground stall?

Do you know someone who would run balloon making or circus workshops?

Send your details to the school office on [admin@north.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@north.essex.sch.uk).

Name it CARNIVAL!



Caroline has been in touch to say that Cully is currently recovering from an operation and will be recuperating this term. We wish Cully a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming them both back to North soon.

### Key Dates

We have already blocked in the Christmas Play dates! Open Lessons and NSA events will be added soon. We try to give you as much notice as possible, which our working parents appreciate.

#### TERM DATES

Mon 16th September	St. Helena roadshow for Year 6
Fri 20th September	Y5 Parents Meeting - WEYMOUTH 2020
Thurs 24th October	Individual Photos
Friday 25th October	End of half term
Tues 5th November	Return to school
Tues 12th November	School's 125th Anniversary
Saturday 16th November	<b>North Carnival</b>
Wed 27th November	Parents Evening for September 2020 starters
Tues 3rd December	Nursery Christmas SingSong (am and pm)
Wed 4th December	Reception Christmas Play (am)
Friday 6th December	KS1 (am and pm)
Thurs 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12th December	Y3 Christmas Play (evening)
Friday 13th December	Y3 Christmas Play (am)
Friday 13th December	Y4 Christmas Play
Tues 17th December	Y5/6 Evening Carol Concert
Thurs 19th December	End of Autumn Term
Mon 6th January 2020	First day of Spring Term
Friday 14th February	End of half term
Mon 24th February	Return to School
Friday 3rd April	End of Spring Term
Monday 20th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	End of half term
Tuesday 2nd June	Return to school
Wednesday 22nd July	End of school year

No sooner do Year 6 settle in to school after their week of outdoor fun than they have to start thinking about applying to secondary school. Here is the information the local authority have asked to pass on to parents -

**The new secondary school admission round opens on Thursday, 12 September 2019, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020.**

*The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.*

*Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.*

*As with last year, we are not sending letters to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.*

*The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2020-21 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.*

#### **Secondary school open evenings**

*Look at these school websites to find out when they are being held.*

*There is published information on this website, <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> which now has a short video of advice available designed to explain the key points in the process to ease parents understanding.*

#### **Key Advice**

**DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE  
DON'T JUST APPLY FOR ONE SCHOOL**

Have you visited

**[www.northschoolcxxv.com](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)**  
recently?

It is well worth a look.  
There is a growing collection of lovely stories.