

NEWSLINE

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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.northschoolcxxv.com

MAYOR OPENS FAMILY HUB

On the 25th it was a pleasure to be invited to the opening of a new community resource right opposite the school on North Station Road. It is a one stop shop and meeting place which will provide much needed help for families. The Hub will be run by three organisations:

The Colchester Foodbank

Essex Free School Uniform

Tots 2 Teens Colchester Baby Bank

At the moment it will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10.00-2.00pm.

At the hub it is possible to exchange a foodbank voucher for a food parcel and/or get baby and children's clothes including school uniform.

The organisers would also be thrilled to receive food donations and clothing - uniform or otherwise - in good condition.

They would love to open the hub more often but need more volunteer helpers. This may be an opportunity that suits some of our parents who are not in employment. If you are interested and would like to find out more you can contact any of the organisations by email:

ceo@colchester.foodbank.org.uk

uniform@dnanetworks.org.uk

tots2teenscolchester@hotmail.com

Photo: Mrs. Blackwell with Michael Beckett (CEO of Colchester Foodbank) and Mayor Nick Cope.



North School Beaver/Scout Group

Parents and their excited children met with Sir Bob Russell and Mrs. Catherine Spindler on the 19th to learn a little more about this new group which will meet at the school every Thursday from 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Mrs. Spindler told the parents and children what kind of activities they will be doing. Sir Bob announced that a benefactor has generously donated enough money to provide the children with free uniforms. "It was an honour to stand there at the beginning of a moment in scouting history. Afterwards Mrs. Spindler said, "The best thing of all is I will be able to help these young people have magical experiences that they will take with them for the rest of their lives."

It isn't too late to join. Forms available from the school office.

Mrs. Thurston (pictured above)

Mrs. Thurston has worked in Reception and as an MDA for the past 8 years. She has been a marvellous colleague and most importantly provided help and support for so many children over the years. She is greatly loved and we will all miss her. We wish her a happy and relaxing and very early retirement. Our best wishes, too, to Mrs. MacLean, who will be taking on the role.

TERM DATES		NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Fri 27th September	Authors meeting Y3-6	OPEN LESSONS AND STAY AND LEARN SESSIONS	
Tuesday 1st October	NSA AGM 2.30pm	Wed 6th November @ 2.00pm	Year 6
Thurs 24th October	Individual Photos	Thurs 7th November @ 9.15am	Year 3
Friday 25th October	End of half term	Wed 13th November @ 9.15am	Miss Wicks
Tues 5th November	Return to school	Wed 13th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Spalding
Tues 12th November	School's 125th Anniversary	Thurs 14th November @ 9.15am	Mrs. Borges
Saturday 16th November	North Carnival	Thurs 14th November @ 9.15am	Miss Jacobs
Wed 27th November	Parents Evening for September 2020 starters	Thurs 14th November @ 2.00pm	Year 4
Friday 29th November	NSA Christmas Bazaar	Tues 19th November @ 9.15am	Year 5
Tues 3rd December	Nursery Christmas SingSong (am and pm)	Friday 15th November @ 9.15am	RECEPTION (Please look on Tapestry for precise details)
Wed 4th December	Reception Christmas Play (am)	Tues 19th November	
Friday 6th December	KS1 (am and pm)	Wed 20th November	
Thurs 12th December	Christmas Lunch	Thurs 21st November	
Thurs 12th December	Y3 Christmas Play (evening)	18th –22nd November	NURSERY
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		

**VICTORIA CHASE
FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER
4.00PM ONWARDS**

Pop along to the Greensward at the end of the Chase to enjoy food stalls and games - fun for all ages.

This is a privately organised fundraising event for the school.

NSA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 1st October 2019
2.30pm
parking available via Victoria Chase
Come along before the school pick-up and learn more about the amazing work of the North School Association.

COLCHESTER CASTLE TREE IN TOP 10 OF NATIONAL COMPETITION!
VOTE TO MAKE IT NUMBER 1

The Woodland Trust has short-listed the tree on Colchester Castle as one of 10 trees for a national Tree of the Year competition.

Jessica and Samuel's mum planted it (see picture below) with her granddad, then Mayor of Colchester.

To enter – log on to woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeoftheyear

First prize is £1,000 to be spent on work to benefit the tree's health, signage or community celebration.

PLEASE VOTE –
AND ASK OTHERS TO AS WELL.

AIR QUALITY - a concern for us all

The Borough Council has been funding to lead a campaign aimed at improving air quality locally. The air quality in the school grounds was measured a couple of years ago by Essex University scientists and deemed acceptable but we all know what North Station Road is like on the school run. The school are happy to be involved in this project and there will be a film crew outside the school on North Station Road around 8.30am on Friday 27th. We will put the film on the school website in due course. In the meantime, when travelling by car and stuck in traffic or parked up **PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR ENGINES.**

NEW BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Hopefully you took the opportunity to look at the draft policy. Thanks to the parents who responded. The Governors will approve the changes and the final version will be put on the school website in mid-October.