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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com

Parents swept away by the brilliance of LKS2 Strictly Come Nativity Performances



Just when you thought there were no new ways to present the Nativity story along came Year 3 and 4 with *Lights, Camel, Action!* Probably the funniest Children's Christmas Nativity Play ever.

The Year 3 shows were performed in the round with Year 4 presenting their show in the more conventional form with the actors facing the audience. Both versions worked and it will be interesting for the children themselves to reflect on the effectiveness and merits of either form.

What mattered most of course was the performance of the casts. Their love of the play was evident and their personalities shone through. Prompt boards to encourage audience participation worked a treat.

A tango performed with brooms will live long in the memory. Congratulations to all involved.

As they say in the West End - a tour de force!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Question. Take 13 turkeys, 1000 potatoes, a bathful of gravy, 600 sprouts.....420 party hats and 2 Christmas CDs.... and what do you get? Answer. A school full of happy, well-fed children and staff. Jessica Dines, Chair of the School Council summed it up perfectly with her speech of thanks.

“To the staff, MDAs and Kitchen Staff: on behalf of all the children of North Primary we would like to thank you all for organising this special meal. Without your hard work and dedication, this setting and the food, wouldn’t be the same. Not forgetting the Year 6 waiters for helping the MDAs. They truly made it as special as possible. This whole organisation is absolutely amazing! The decorations, the set up and even the hats are wonderful. Obviously the food was amazing. Merry Christmas.”

General Election 2019

Year 5 and 6 held their own mock election. Year 6s organised themselves into parties, wrote a speech which was presented in the hustings by their nominated speaker on the 11th. The speakers were also questioned by their voters. The children cast their votes on the 12th in their polling station, just like adults did. The results were: LibDem 43, Green 35, Labour 24, Brexit 6.

The whole process was conducted perfectly. The children showed incredible maturity. It was a model exercise in bringing democracy alive with all participants behaving with respect and honesty.

TERM DATES

Sun 15th December



**Colchester Accordion Showband
Christmas Concert 10.30am.**

Tickets available from
the school office

Tues 17th December

Y5/6 Evening Carol Concert (7.00 pm)

Thurs 19th December

End of Autumn Term

Tues 7th Jan 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

Sue Hogan Programme Manager, Learning and Education at Firstsite,
writes with this amazing offer

Free Meals at Firstsite during the School Holidays

Firstsite is offering hot, healthy lunches to families and individuals during the school holidays. On selected days during the school holidays, a canteen will be in operation in the winter wonderland themed studios at Firstsite, in Colchester town centre. You have been passed this letter so that you can access a free lunch time meal. You can find the vouchers online to register with Firstsite, after which you will be able to book in to the canteen and eat lunch for free. A vegetarian option will be available each day. Lunches must be booked in advance, from Monday 16th December onwards. To book, call Firstsite on 01206 713700 or online at www.firstsite.uk Spaces are limited so to avoid disappointment, please book early. We kindly request that you let us know if you need to cancel your booking so your space can be made available to other that may need it. Throughout the school holidays Firstsite will have a range of family activities available every day. Visit our website to see the lunch menus and discover all the other activities available. www.firstsite.uk.

Thank you, Firstsite