

# NEWSLINE

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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](http://www.northschoolcxxv.com)



## **NORTH CHOIR REACH ACROSS THE GENERATIONS AND BRING JOY TO THE HEARTS OF ALDERWOOD**

The school is enjoying its association with Alderwood Care Home and what better way to get Christmas started than with the choir popping round and getting the residents in the festive spirit. Well done to the choir who sang their hearts out and, as you can tell from these two photos, the residents absolutely loved meeting the children and having a good old chat. Well done to the choir and to Mrs. Heaton.

A busy week for the choir - they will be singing at the Christmas Bazaar too.

### **GOVERNORS' CORNER**

It was lovely to see and meet so many of you last Thursday when you came to see the teachers and your children's work at Parent's Evening.

I was able to chat to you and gather some views on how you think the school is working to meet your children's and your family needs especially regarding communication and information, and our recent consultation on the Behaviour Policy. I will take your more specific thoughts back to the next Curriculum Committee meeting where we will try to address any specific issues.

Comments on how the school is working included "Free for All is so good"; "Authors Abroad is a great opportunity for my child"; "We are new to the school and it has a good reputation"; "There is good inclusion especially for children with English as an additional language" "Perfect"

My question about the school website received a positive response, along with Parentmail and Tapestry. You generally feel you are well informed, know where to go for any information you need.

Comments about the Behaviour Policy and behaviour generally in the school were also positive from most of you, and for those who were experiencing difficulties they all said their problems were being listened to and dealt with. Finally the Funding for School campaign still continues, whilst money was promised, to date no increase in funding has been assured. We, along the other local schools, need your continued support with the campaign to secure more government funding so we can at least maintain, and hopefully improve the current levels of support for your children in school.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday at the Christmas Bazaar, and over the next few weeks at the many Christmas activities taking place in the school.

Best Wishes

Jan Blackwell Chair of Governors

### **NSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**SEE SANTA ARRIVE AT 5.45pm.**

Doors open a 6.00pm.

Don't forget your raffle tickets.



## Applying for Reception 2020

Have you a child starting school next September? If so, you will need to apply by 15th January 2020. Applications must be made online at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Please note that you will not receive a letter from Essex County Council about making an application and that all of the application information is available on the website above.

The feedback from the Open Evening Event on the 27th was incredibly positive. Reception teachers, Mrs. Zoltan and governors were in attendance making themselves available to answer all the questions from the large number of potential parents in attendance. But the stars of the show were the thirteen Year 6s who performed the role of hosts perfectly. And their presentation on "What 7 Years at North looks Like" was so impressive, moving one mum to tears. They really were outstanding ambassadors for the school. Brilliant.

### TERM DATES

Tues 3rd December	Nursery Christmas SingSong (10.45 am and 2.30 pm)
Wed 4th December	Reception Christmas Play (9.30 am)
Friday 6th December	KS1 (9.30 am and 2.00 pm)
Thurs 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12th December	Y3 Christmas Play (6.30 pm)
Friday 13th December	Y3 Christmas Play (9.30 am)
Friday 13th December	Y4 Christmas Play (2.00 pm)
Tues 17th December	Y5/6 Evening Carol Concert (7.00 pm)
Thurs 19th December	End of Autumn Term
<b>Tues 7th Jan 2020</b>	<b>First day of Spring Term</b>
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

### Football Team Show Promise

Under the floodlights of PLAYFOOTBALL, 8 footballers made their debuts for the school team. They knew they were up against stiff opposition - their opponents were Prettygate, a school that always puts out a strong team. It was clear from the kick-off that Prettygate had come to play football with many of their players composed on the ball and having the confidence to look up and pick a pass. They were moving the ball quickly and efficiently from defence through midfield to attack. Shayden in goal was called into action many times but even he was not able to stop two excellent shots and the half time score was 0-2. The players identified the key areas for improvement and the second half was more evenly matched with good strong duels across the pitch and North showing that they too could move the ball around. Prettygate were just able to take their chances and were worthy winners, 0-5. One of their players graciously said that the scoreline flattered them - typical of the spirit the game was played in.



### CIRCUS SKILLS KS2 CLUB

Fridays in January. Book your places quickly.