

# 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)

## CASHLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM WELL RECEIVED

Judging from the comments below the move to a cashless payment system has been popular with families and office staff.

*"In this cashless society, I'm so pleased North is introducing an online payment system. It'll help with those last-minute-we-don't-have-any-bread-school-dinner situations!"*

Adele Jennings

*"The ParentMail app is very easy to use and each child has their own account. I can pay for both Sunset Club and dinners. I don't always have cash on Monday mornings for school dinners, so the online system I definitely save time and the need to rush to the cash point."*

Mubeena Siddiqi

*"I'm so pleased that we are moving to a cashless system, it is so convenient for parents and will help the tireless office staff too! I've already uploaded money into my account it was so easy and now dinner money is one less thing I have to think about on a Monday morning.."*

Claire Mold

*"Easily pleased! School dinner money sorted out using app for the first time. Took seconds! No more hunting around for cash. Will definitely be better than trying to find the right cash on a Sunday night."*

Sarah Hewes

From the office perspective Mrs. Pettitt, who manages the dinner money, is encouraged by the number of families who are already paying via Parentamil and she is finding the system user-friendly. She is confident that this new system will prove a great success.

**The only hitch so far has been with parents forgetting their Parentmail passwords. This can now be our first official FAQ. The answer is to enter your email address in the Parentmail app and click on the forgotten password tab to reset. Simple!**



Jessica, Andrew, Faith, Tyler, Eve and Tasneem enjoyed their tea party with their parents on the 14th. It was a very pleasant way to end the half term. Sadly, Sasha (1W) was poorly but she hasn't missed out – she will come to the next tea party. Well done to those children for being nominated by their teachers for their sustained commitment to their learning.

## Every Little Helps

The School Council met on the 24th with the main agenda item being the drafting of an Action Plan for their mission for North to become a PLASTIC FREE SCHOOL.

To help them they need the involvement of the whole school community. So, as a starting point they are looking into using the template of the Home School Accord to produce a list of can do statements from children staff and parents.

So, they would love to hear from you with your suggestions for what parents can do. They have asked staff for their suggestions too. Children will share their ideas in class for what they can do.

Email or drop your ideas on paper and address them for the attention of the School Council.

Thank you.

**500 Word Story Competition. Final, Final Deadline.**  
Please hand in to the office on arrival at school on Tuesday 25th February.

# N.S.A.

## CHOCODOLLY

### 28th February

TICKETS AVAILABLE  
ONLINE & from the SCHOOL OFFICE



#### TERM DATES

Mon 24th February	KS2 Monarchs' Week
Friday 28th February	KS2 Monarch Week Open House
Friday 28th February	<b>CHOCODOLLY</b>
Thursday 5th March	<b>World Book Day Lunch Special Menu</b> Come dressed as your favourite book character
Tuesday 17th March	Children's Music Festival - Charter Hall
Thurs 19th March	Mother's Day Lunch
Friday 20th March	NSA Spring Fair
Saturday 28th March	Tree planting on Riverside
Sunday 29th March	Colchester Half Marathon
Tuesday 31st March	OPEN AFTERNOON (KS1&KS2)
Friday 3rd April	Easter Parade
Friday 3rd April	End of Spring Term
Monday 20th April	First day of Summer Term
Friday 1st May	NSA Bingo Night
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Penny Race Sponsored Run at Hilly Fields End of half term
Tuesday 2nd June	Return to school
Friday 12th June	NSA Quiz Night
Friday 26th June	NSA Summer Fete
Wednesday 22nd July	End of school year
Mon 7th September	First day of new school year
Mon 7th September	Year 6 Residential to Weymouth

**Who Wants to go home on Friday When you could be doing this!**

And the Circus Skills Club still has places! Ask at the office.



North really do offer an amazing number of clubs which can count towards Children's University hours. Check them all out on the website.

