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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



Friday 20th March 2020. A very emotional day for the whole school and our Year 6 in particular. They were green to remember their dear friend, Abigail, who would have been 11 on this day. Abigail's little sister and family commemorated the day by planting a tree in Castle Park.



Four of our enthusiastic Y4 writers were lucky enough to enjoy a day with Poet Karl at Kendall School. They made the most of this opportunity, writing and performing some great raps. Poppy even bought a signed copy of Karl's book.

The Thursday 5.00pm Club has had to stop for the time being but club leader Catherine and Sir Bob did not want them to completely miss out so the children were presented with an activity to do for Mother's Day

Happy and Sad

(shhhh, it's a secret) and an Easter Egg. It is this kind of thoughtfulness that makes the club such an asset to the school. When the school fully re-opens perhaps your child(ren) would like to attend. There are a few spaces.

School closed officially on the 20th and is only open to specific groups of children. Let us hope that the staff and their families make this sustainable for as long as this health crisis continues. I told the children in assembly that if they were to be home learning then they must be very well behaved. Parents have been very appreciative of the speed in which staff teams have produce stationery packs and posted online activities, resources and links. Keep a look out for updates via email and also check out the website too, in case parentmail crashes again. The next few weeks and months are going to feel strange and also put a real strain on families, emotionally and financially. Please look after each other and look out for your wider family and neighbours, especially if they live alone or are elderly.

Keeping in touch whilst the school is "closed".

Whilst your children are not at school please remember the following:

Email or ring the school if you need advice on parenting. We will endeavour to respond as soon as we can.

In a crisis ring:

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Family Operations Hub 0345 603 7627

If you have money/housing worries contact Colchester Borough Council 01206 282222.

If you need help with food contact the school to get a virtual foodbank voucher.

School Nurse. Tracy MacDougall, the school nurse will be keeping in touch with some families.

Family Support Worker, Amanda Rowe, will no longer be doing home visits but will support families over the phone.

Dear Families of North,

Be creative!

If you have any instrument - play it,

Write a song - sing it,

It doesn't matter if you think you are able to or not.

Remember this:

"When you pick up that instrument,

When you make up that song,

When you then get your family to sing

along, others listen whenever they can, You

will have created a thing that is new, And

the world will be happier, all because of

you."

I look forward to hearing all the beautiful

music that I know you can all create when

we are all back together again.

Stay Safe

Mr Bosch

More Home Learning Ideas

The BBC are bringing out lots of new educational programmes for children.

The National Literacy Trust are putting ideas for families on their website

Year 6s are writing and illustrating postcards to send to people who live alone in retirement and care homes. There are a number websites that are promoting this now.

Apart from the home learning here are some things you can do together.

EXERCISE & GET LOTS OF FRESH AIR

BAKE

LEARN A NEW SKILL TOGETHER - YOUTUBE IS GREAT FOR DIY GUIDES

Get the children to watch their favourite DVD films with the sound down and subtitles on and get them to read in the voice of the characters!

YOGA

The children could teach you. Many do it in school. Their teacher, Naomi Davies, will also put lessons online. And after a long day with the kids, do the yoga by yourself. You may need it!

TERM DATES

Mon 7th September 2020

First day of new school year

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Year 6 Residential to Weymouth