

NEWSLINE

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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

Celebrated our 126th anniversary on 12th November. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com

MRS JENNY KEEBLE

It is with great personal sadness that I am writing to inform you that Mrs. Jenny Keeble passed away on the 17th.

For those of you who never had the privilege to meet Mrs. Keeble, she had an association with the school stretching back to 1967. She taught at the school, her daughters attended the school (Beth is currently a parent governor) and two of her grandchildren attend the school.

Jenny led the Nursery when I started at North in 2001. It was immediately apparent that Jenny was held in the highest regard by all members of the school community. It was more than respect and admiration: Jenny was loved. It did not take me long to realise why.

I have been lucky enough to have known some special people in my life. None as kind and caring as Jenny. Being around her made me want to be a better person.

Of those who did know Jenny, you will remember her with fondness as a colleague, friend and highly respected teacher - possibly even your first teacher. Jenny actually had the dubious pleasure of teaching my son Jack - I saved the rest of the school from that fate by banishing him elsewhere.

Jenny is pictured (left) at the CXXV party. She was so proud of her association with North. And of course for 39 of those 125 years she made an outstanding contribution. North would not have been the same without her.

In due course we will find a way to commemorate Mrs. Keeble's life and the contribution she made to North Primary School and Nursery.

Our thoughts are with her husband, Ian, her children and grandchildren.



School Council Meets for the First Time in 2021

In the open air, sat in their bubbles, the school council held the inaugural meeting of this academic year.

New councillors were welcomed. Badges presented. The Year 6s are looking forward to the opportunity to be elected officials to fill the vacant posts of chair, secretary and treasurer. Councillors are keen to get down to business. They have ideas about play equipment and they are keen to continue to make the school as eco-friendly as possible.

Samira pointed out that as the covid situation improves the rules will change and wondered what effect this would have on how school operates. This is a really good question and one that the school council will explore this term- councillors will be asking their classes if there are things that we do because of covid that we would want to keep doing. It also fits into the idea behind THE BIG ASK...more on this overleaf.





Online Workshop Understanding and Managing Behaviour

Fully funded for you by Child First Trust.

Places are available on a first come, first served basis.

This 2-hour workshop is offered to parents from our school **FREE** of charge.

Access via Zoom. Link will be sent via email to those booking online.

Date and Time: Tuesday 27th April, 10am

For more information, or to book your place, please contact

Amanda Rowe Amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk (07772 268691)

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Please include your name, the name of your child/ren's school, their ages and your phone number.

NSA NEWS

The committee met on the 19th. They agreed a spending commitment to the KS1 garden, to continue to funding class trips and support a for treat Year 6 before they leave.

They are desperate to resume social events but we need to remain patient. The Christmas Raffle is to be renamed the Summer Raffle!

Getting it Right

At North we recognise the importance of good communication with our parent body. Through parentmail, Tapestry and See-Saw, we try to give you the information you need in a timely fashion to enable you to support the school and also to enable you to ask questions or raise concerns should they arise. We will not always get this right, but that is our goal. Our aim is not to please everybody all the time - that is impossible - but we always aim to act in what we see as the best interests of the school community. To this end we have a unique and very successful charity called Free For All, one element of which fosters links with local businesses. These links will be of mutual benefit to the school and the business and may include promotional materials. Not all parents are comfortable with this so we will inform parents in advance if children are going to receive gift bags so that parents have the opportunity to find out more information if they so wish.



TERM DATES

Thursday 27th May	Last day of half term
Tuesday 8th June	Return to school
Friday 18th June	Year 6 Residential, Mersea
Wednesday 21st July	Final day of school year
Thurs 2nd September	First day of New School Year
Mon 6th September	Year 5 Residential, Weymouth
Fri 17th December	End of Autumn Term
Tuesday 4th January 2022	First day of Spring Term

Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives. It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children. In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives. It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard. The Big Ask will be launched in assembly on the 26th. Details of how to complete the survey to follow.

