

NEWSLINE

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Issue 1



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

What the PM's Announcement means for the rest of this Term

The positive case of a school pupil is a timely reminder that we all - children, staff and parents - have to continue to apply and follow all our Covid rules.

I wrote at the beginning of term that it might not be possible to welcome you into school to enjoy our summer calendar of events. Sadly, that is the case. So, no NSA Summer Fete, no Open Evening, no *meet the teacher* this term.

How we prepare for the arrival of our September starters has been affected. There will be after school drop-ins and the parent meeting will now have to be held over Zoom.

We will aim to ensure events involving the children will go ahead but without family attendance. Sports Days will take place in their year group bubbles. The sponsored run at Hilly Field will take place too to cap off a very sporty week.

Music concerts will happen but will have to be scaled back due to the music studio continuing to be used as a classroom whilst we get Mrs. Skinner's classroom repaired.

Year 6 will be exploring ways to share their play despite not having a live audience.

There may be changes to Year 6 visits to their secondary schools. We will pass on this information if and when we receive it.

Here is the updated calendar -

Week beginning Monday 21st June— new starter, after school drop-ins.

Wed 23rd June	Year 5 trip to Walton
Thursday 24th June	Year 3 visit to Castle Park
Friday 25th June	Class Photographs

Week beginning Monday 28th June Sporty Week— bubble sports days

Thursday 1st July	New Entrants Parents Meeting (ZOOM)
Friday 2nd July	Hilly Fields Sponsored Run PENNY RACE
Wednesday 14th July	Reception visit to Highwoods Country Park

Week beginning Monday 12th July - Music Concerts

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th July	Year 6 Residential, Mersea
Wednesday 21st July	Final day of school year
Thurs 2nd September	First day of New School Year

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER

Spare a thought for Year 6 and staff who are isolating. And of all the times to isolate... when they were due to go to Mersea for their rescheduled, rescheduled residential. The children were understandably devastated. But we have been able to squeeze the trip in just before the end of term. Let's hope it definitely goes ahead this time.



GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Jan Blackwell
Chair of Governors

Governors were able to meet in person, socially distanced, in the Infant hall for the first time last week since March 2020. It was lovely to be back in school, and so much easier than trying to zoom. We have been working with the head teacher and staff in the background throughout the pandemic, and would like to thank them all for keeping things running so smoothly, with supported learning both in and out of school. Premises seems to have taken the spotlight of late with more than its fair share of problems, but we continue to work hard to maintain our lovely buildings and create a good working environment for the children. We were hoping, as I am sure you were, that all restrictions would be lifted on June 21st. Sadly this is not to be the case so we ask you to be patient and continue to observe the restrictions, both within and out of school, for a little longer to minimise the risk of covid infection. School trips have been able to take place, and it has been great to see the children's enjoyment with some excellent work being produced as a result. We were saddened to hear that the year 6 weekend to Mersea, due to take place next week, has had to be cancelled due to an infection breakout, but would like to thank Mrs Walker for all her effort and skill in rebooking it before the end of term, so hopefully we can give our year 6's a great send off. There is much planned for the children for the rest of the summer term, and we also have the release of the Headteacher's diary, full of memories and some great pictures. Profit will go toward Free for All, and help with providing all the extras to school life, so make sure you get Mr. Garnett to sign a copy. Let's hope the good weather continues and all restrictions will be lifted in four weeks time.

TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS

CHILD FIRST IS DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU TO ITS VERY OWN

ONLINE COFFEE MORNING AND DROP-IN

These drop-ins have been set up to support parents and carers from your child's school and will take place on the **first Tuesday** of every month from 10-11am starting on the **6th July 2021**

Please come and join Jackie (our Family Support Worker) for an informal chat (at any time between 10-11am) to discuss any parenting issues you may have. No problem is too big or small for us to talk through and this could also lead to more tailored 1:1 support for you and your family.

Register in advance for the drop-in by clicking on the link below...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvceGqrj8uEtRuEznfaQlmlLnt2jkRDv1D>

Meeting ID: 842 6820 4480

A message from Jackie...

HI, I'M JACKIE AND AM ONE OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS WITH CHILD FIRST TRUST.

I AM A MUM OF THREE GROWN-UP CHILDREN AND REALLY WANT TO HELP OTHER PARENTS / CARERS.

I REMEMBER FEELING LONELY AND ISOLATED AT TIMES AS A PARENT AND WASN'T ALWAYS SURE WHO TO TURN TO FOR ADVICE.

FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, I'VE BEEN PART OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM AT CHILD FIRST TRUST AND THE PURPOSE OF MY ROLE IS TO HELP YOU AS PARENTS / CARERS, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN ME EACH MONTH FOR A COFFEE AND CATCH UP.

NSA NEWS



The NSA are as frustrated as everybody that they are not able to run any of their events this term but they continue to work hard to enhance the educational and social experiences of the children.

- ◆ Look out for more details of the free cycle repair workshops.
- ◆ It is not too late to sign up to join the North Team entering the Bike Ride. Details of how to sponsor them coming soon.

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Revival

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teaching skills
and leading rides...
because cycling
changes lives

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Would you like your child(ren) to learn about cycle maintenance and to gain confidence on their bikes?
FREE after school club on Tuesdays through June and July.

CYCLE FOR NORTH IN ASSOCIATION WITH ESSEX CASTLE BIKE RIDE 24TH JULY 2021

Raise funds for North Primary's 'Free For All' programme as you ride through the beautiful Essex countryside! Cycle 25, 50 or 75 miles

THIS SPONSORED CYCLE IS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVER 12.

IF YOU CAN RAISE MORE THAN £50 SPONSORSHIP FOR FREE FOR ALL THE NSA WILL COVER YOUR ENTRY FEE (£25.00).

THE SCHOOL WILL PROMOTE YOUR PARTICIPATION THROUGH NEWSLINE AND THE WEBSITE.

PLEASE CONTACT THE NSA VIA ITS FACEBOOK PAGE -
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NSACOLCHESTER/