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North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

We Celebrated our 125th anniversary on 12th November 2019. Visit www.northschoolcxxv.com

Victoria Chase— Parentmail, 25th November 2021

A number of parents have had conversations/sent emails to me regarding the problems in Victoria Chase before school.

The question has been put, why can't parents and children come in via John Harper Street or down the alleyway? [Which used to be the case before covid.]

Unfortunately this solution will not work whilst we have staggered starts and whilst covid remains a problem there are no plans to revert to a single start time for everybody. I am still trying to avoid large numbers congregating in tight spaces. And the alleyway would get very crowded which is far from ideal.

John Harper St via the car park entrance cannot be used because support staff are still arriving up to 8.30am.

And there will be congestion, chaos and the potential for losing children between 8.30 and 8.45 if large numbers of families come in via the white gates as Y5, and Y4 are trying to get into the school.

I am sure many of you will remember what a bottleneck that area of the school was in the past. We do not want to go back to that.

I hope that all makes sense.

In the meantime we are opening the back gates at 8.20 to get the reception, Y6 and Y5 children on site earlier to release some of the build up from the queues. This seems to be helping a bit.

But, of course, however congested it may get out in Victoria Chase, ultimately we need all parents to take full responsibility for their actions and remember that impatience, parking illegally and other driver misdemeanours can lead to accidents. Who would want the injury of a child on their conscience?

Parentmail Monday 29th November 2021

I have been asked if our arrangements will change in the light of the government announcements over the week-end. The short answer is, "not today!"

We had already limited parent access in to the school and so we do not need to cancel anything, which is the dilemma now facing other schools.

The only time we are letting you indoors is for parent consultations.

Please remember to bring your mask and wear it in school.

And please take a LFT on the day of your appointment.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Year 2 Went Whiffing through the Tulgey Wood

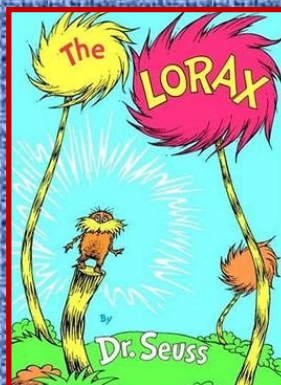
Both year 2 classes have recently enjoyed a visit to the Big Garden at Highwoods Country Park. We loved spending the day outside in the fresh air. It was a little cold for 2S but we still had a fantastic day!

We spent the morning in the woods listening to what we could hear around us and identifying different trees by using our sense of touch. Mr Setford told us the story of The Lorax which made us think about how important it is to take care of our trees.

After lunch we took part in a range of different activities such as pond dipping, bulb planting and making compost. We also ate some delicious apple pancakes and made a willow crown.

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Mr Setford and his volunteers for organising such an amazing day.

Mrs. Spalding reporting



Christmas At North



It is a tradition that we raise money for the East Anglian Children's Hospice in our Christmas plays. I do miss saying, "we don't charge you coming, but we do charge you for leaving!"

We will be rattling buckets instead on Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 9th December. Staff can also choose not to send cards to each other and make a donation to EACH instead. Maybe you could introduce that in your place of work.



East Anglia's
Children's Hospices

Will 5NR keep The Most Christmassy Classroom Trophy?

It was a very high standard last year. How will the classrooms be transformed in the next 3 weeks?

It would be lovely if every class collected a Christmas hamper. All we need is for every child to bring in one item. And we will get The Foodbank to collect.

Donations by December 12th please. Thank you.

Colchester
foodbank



Christmas Postbox

From December 1st children will be able to send cards to each other via the Year 6 postal service. Children just need to write the name of the child and their class name on the envelope and the Year 6 elves will sort and deliver. This will be a daily service.

Christmas Jumper Day#2

Let's get some use out of those Christmas jumpers! On the 16th we are planning something special so we need the children to wear their Christmas jumpers to school. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

The NSA have very kindly agreed to give every class some pocket money to buy food and drink for their parties. Thank you NSA.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 9th December	Christmas Jumper Day#1 and Christmas Lunch
Thurs 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day#2
Fri 17th December	Final day of Autumn Term Christmas Parties
Wed 5th Jan 2022	First day of Spring Term
Friday 11th February	Last day of half term
Tues 22nd February	Return to school
Friday 1st April	Last day of spring term
Tuesday 19th April	First day of summer term
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Thursday 21st July	Final Day of Summer Term
Mon 5th September	First day of New school year