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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

What a week! And Thursday hasn't even started yet!

SUNDAY



“Who thought 'normal' things would be so great! But they are.” (Mrs. Zoltan.)

Life is returning. We are venturing out of school. We are welcoming people into school.

Sunday was amazing. The half marathon team, backed up by our marshalls and all the families that came out to cheer their support made it a special day. The photostory that was shared in assembly will be sent out via parentmail. Not too late to donate.

Monday. Our choir, set off to the 02 for the 25th Young Voices Concert—the largest children’s choir concerts in the world. Over 8000 children sang their hearts out with their families in the audience as proud as proud can be. The children can say that they have sang in the same venue as Beyonce, Little Mix and Ed Sheeran. They got to bed at the pumpkin hour, exhausted but elated—if you put those two words together you get exhilarated, which is spot on. On the 26th, the choir will visit Alderwoods Care Home to sing and chat and have a jolly jubilee jamboree. [Huge thanks to choir leader Mrs. Heaton and her able assistant, Mrs. Walker.]

Tuesday. For the first time in over two years the teachers had a meeting with our partner schools’ teachers—Heathlands, Bishop

William Ward and Braiswick. We will continue to rebuild links, collaborating to improve our professionalism and children’s outcomes.

Wednesday. Y4 set off to be archers for the day. They came back bouncing! A full report with photos in the next edition. Y5 continued with their swimming lessons. KS1 were in full jubilee prep mode with the infant hall looking like a scene from A Great British Bake Off. And St. Helena staff came to meet the Year 6s heading their way.

On Wednesday Evening we held the New Entrant Parents Meeting. What a treat it was to not be constrained by Zoom and engage with a room full of people. And how pleased were they to be there! Rightly so, their children have got a place in a fabulous school. Mrs. Arnold, Head of the Found and Mrs. Blackwell spoke and the parent were able to meet the teachers in the classrooms. A big “thank you” to our crèche volunteers who enabled parents to enjoy the evening without their little distractions.

During the week Year 6 councillors have been holding the semi finals of North’s Got Talent ahead of the finals on the 27th, which, of course, is our RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY.

SCHOOL MEALS

The catering company that we use to provide our food supplies put their prices up this term. We have kept the price of a school lunch the same to help out our families but we will need to increase the price slightly in the autumn term. Details will follow.

Some of you may be eligible for free school meals. Check this out here—<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

And even if your child is under 7 and automatically gets a free school meal if you apply now the school get more money in our budget. Please check it out.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS

John Harper Street

Coming in this way seems to be working reasonably ok. But I must remind you all to please wait on the pavement beside Seatrade House until Mr. Richards comes out. Thank you.

North Station Road

County Councillor Lee Scordis, and MP Will Quince, will meet a school delegation before school on the 27th to listen to our concerns about road safety. The delegation will consist of governors, NSA committee members and school councillors. There have been an increasing number of complaints about the speed of cars and the number of cars and buses that do not stop for the red lights on the crossing. This will be reported in the next Newsline.



Belated Congratulations to our Y6 Robotics Team (pictured above). [Not sure how this news was not shared last month! Apologies.]

At the National Championships in Telford they achieved the following:

Team Challenge: joint second

Skills Challenge: third

The DESIGN AWARD: WINNERS

They worked brilliantly as a team and thoroughly deserved their success. And well done too to team manager, Mrs. Walker.

It is now a requirement for children to be taught some basic first aid. Miss Jacobs has updated our policies and led a teacher meeting to plan a special **FIRST AID Day** which will be held on July 11th to launch this addition to our curriculum. Looking forward to it.

GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Governors met with the Senior Management Team at the start of term for an overview of the children's progress and current position of the school.

We were reassured on the progress being made by the children. The precise knowledge that each member of staff has on the children in their class, and the next steps for learning.

The pandemic has obviously had an affect on the children's learning, and the staff are working extremely hard to ensure the children have the knowledge they need to move forward and close any gaps in their learning.

The governor's fully support Mr Garnett in his recent letter requesting holidays are not taken in term time. It is imperative that families work with us to ensure the highest attendance possible maximising the potential of every child.

We wish you all a relaxing break over the half term, and hope you enjoy the Jubilee celebrations. We then look forward to what promises to be a very busy end to the year.

Jan Blackwell, Chair of Governors

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th May	RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY Last day of half term
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Tuesday 7th June	Class Photos
Friday 24th June	Y3/4 Sports Afternoon
Monday 27th June	Y5/6 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 28th June	Y1/2 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 29th June	Reception Sports Morning
Friday July 1st	Hilly Fields Fun Run
Friday July 1st	Summer Fete
Monday 11th July	First Aid Day
Friday 15th July	Open Evening
Thursday 21st July	Final Day of Summer Term
Mon 5th September	First day of New school year
Mon 5th September	Year 6 Osmington Bay