

NEWSLINE

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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



North School Choir Shine Like Diamonds

TV, newspaper photographers and Colchester Film Society were in attendance at the Arts Centre on Sunday 6th to capture the choir singing *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. The occasion was to promote Sir Bob Russell's campaign to get a statue made of the Taylor sister's – Ann and Jane - who lived in West Stockwell St - or Angel Strete as it was called at the turn of the 19th century. Jane wrote the Nursery Rhyme. A model ("maquette") of the statue has been made (see photo). £80,000 has been raised already. A further £20,000 is still needed.

The Arts Centre was full. The guests enjoyed listening to the choir - "**Bless them, the children were just wonderful!**" were the words of one of the guests. There was also a very informative talk about the Taylor sisters from The Colchester History Society and a film of Sir Bob's Heritage Tours. The Mayor gave a lovely speech too. The children got a slice of cake and drink as a well deserved "thank you".

If the funds are raised it is hoped the full-sized statue will be situated on the High Street, opposite the entrance to West Stockwell Street.



The Importance of Clean Air



The Year 5s had a wonderful treat on the 3rd with a very entertaining presentation on 'Air Quality'! Who would have thought?! There was a powerful message portrayed through great acting, singing, comedy and audience participation as well as some singing! The children and even the adults learnt lots. Did you know that cars cause more air pollution than factories and planes in the world? Did you know that the smaller you are, the more affected you can be by pollution as it tends to sit below clean air? We can all do our bit to help with reducing pollution, such as walking to school, turning off your engine while stationary, switching off lights, reducing your heating and having a shower instead of a bath!

We are very grateful to Essex County Council, DEFRA and Essex Highways for sponsoring 'Abby Ayre and the Shed of Science'. What small contribution can you give to make a change?
Mrs. Nicholls reporting.

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This year our traditional Christmas Bazaar non-uniform Day is Friday 25th November.

In exchange for the children wearing their own clothes to school we ask that they make a donation to the Christmas Bazaar which is fast approaching. This has worked really well in the past.

We kindly ask that you follow the guidance below so that we get an even spread of gifts.

A gift that may be used in the Secret Santa room at the Christmas Bazaar (the children love Secret Santa) -

- Year 1 & Year 3: Gifts for Her
- Year 2 & Year 5: Gifts for Him

And to help make other stalls possible...

- Reception & Year 6: Activity books/colouring books
- Year 4: Chocolates

Thank you

Christmas Is Coming

The dates are out for the Christmas Shows. For a number of you this will be your first School Christmas Play to watch. Teachers will give you more details about what they are doing via Parentmail, Tapestry and SeeSaw.

We will be running a crèche for the Reception, Y2, Y3 and Y4 performances. We introduced these many years ago (when we had many more support staff).

We want your focus to be on the children on stage. For this reason we do not allow pre-school children including babies into the plays. Please make every effort to get a family member or friend to look after your little ones. If that proves impossible for you we will run a crèche. Look out for the booking form.

The children are excited at shows returning. I am sure you will enjoy listening to them practice their songs and help them learn their words at home.

Head of Kitchen

Mrs. Shuter Returns on November 14th

Look out for the menu.

And very soon after the 14th, you will be informed of the date for the children's school Christmas lunch.

#countdowntoChristmas

Christmas jumpers are optional

GRAND DRAW

THERE WILL BE THE CASH PRIZE OF £100.

Do you have a business, work for a business or know somebody who does, who would donate a prize?

If so, please, please, please ask and let the NSA know.

Then we can publicise the company. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 14th November	Hot School Meals Service
Tues 15th November	OPEN AFTERNOON - Y1-6
Wed 16th November	Year 4 lantern procession
Thurs 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 25th November	Non-Uniform Day in aid of Christmas Bazaar
Thurs 1st December	Prospective Parents Evening
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Bazaar
Wed 7th December	Morning-- Reception Nativity
Friday 9th December	Y2 Christmas Play
Wed 14th December 10,45 and 2.30pm	Nursery Christmas singalong
Thurs 15th December 3.30pm	Y1 Christmas Singalong
Friday 16th December	9.30 Y3 Christmas Play 2.00pm Y4 Christmas Play
Mon 19th December	7.00pm Y5/6 Christmas Evening
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Tues 20th December	Last day of autumn term
Thurs 5th January 2023	First day of Spring Term
Friday 10th February	Last day of half term
Monday 20th February	Return to school