

NEWSLINE

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Issue 2



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

Governors' Corner with Mrs. Blackwell

Dear Parents

Governors would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we resume the journey of another school year. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break. It has been lovely to see some of you at the Meet the Teacher meetings, which have all been very well attended, and I am sure you will agree very informative. Our thanks to all the staff. The year ahead is set to be busy. Governors will continue to work hard for the best interest of the school community; children staff and families. We are always interested to hear your views, please feel free to contact us through the school office. There are many events and activities planned for the year ahead, and hopefully our plans will be less disrupted by covid. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying these special occasions.

Best wishes
Jan Blackwell
Chair of Governors



It was very encouraging to see so many parents at the **Meet The Teacher** meetings. Parents who attended seemed very appreciative. As one mum said as she left her meeting, "It is so good to be back in school and it reminds me just how good a school it is." Hopefully this view is typical.

We are very keen to re-build our face to face connections with families. And we want to make sure you are able to be as supportive as possible. This is why you were asked to complete a survey. We will look at your responses and share our findings.

In the meantime please make sure you have been logged onto Tapestry and/or See-Saw. The more you know about what we do, why we do it and what we want your children to do at home and how you can support them, the more successful they will be..

Introducing our New Members of Staff

Mrs Robertson
Finance Officer

Mrs. Knowles
LSA, Reception

Mrs. Fuller
Social, Emotional and
Mental Health Co-ordinator

Mrs. Miller
Y6 Teacher

Miss Batchelor
Y4 Teacher
Year 3/4 Team Leader





Writing at North - A School Priority

North work closely with 16 other schools through our membership of the Colchester Schools' Consortium. And we work even more closely with three other schools within that group - Bishop William Ward, Braiswick Academy and Heathlands.

Over the course of a year we support each other to improve learning outcomes. This year a key action for the school is to improve children's writing. The impact of covid has hit writing standards hardest across the country - writing attainment has been worse hit than reading and maths. On the 13th the Heads of these three schools spent the morning talking to staff and children, looking at books and dropping into classrooms. Pictured left is Mr. Bull, Head of BWW, listening to Year 6 boys and girls talk about writing - what they like, what they don't like, what they find hard, what they need to improve and how they can best achieve that. The Heads' feedback will enable us to review our plans and our teaching. They will return in the Spring Term to see what progress we are making.

On Tuesday 20th and Friday 23rd September nine year 6 children took part in our annual **Bikeability** training. This is run by Essex Highways over two days. On the first day the children learn skills in the playground. Once proficient they are then taken onto the local roads to practise the skills they have learnt. It is a great opportunity for them to gain confidence before going to secondary school. The children that took part thought it was really good and enjoyed being able to use the roads correctly. Mrs. Eves reporting



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 29th September	NSA AGM 7.00pm
Friday 30th September	Individual and Sibling Photos
Sunday October 2nd	London Marathon
Friday October 7th	Book Fair Arrives
Mon October 10th	Pupils' Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 13th October	Book Fair Last Day
Friday 14th October	NSA DISCO
Friday 21st October	End of half term
Tuesday 1st November	Return to school
Tues 15th November	OPEN AFTERNOON -Y1-6
Thurs 24th November	Parent Consultation Evening
Thurs 1st December	Prospective Parents Evening
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Bazaar
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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 29th September 2022
7.00pm

6.30pm onwards for refreshments
Please make every effort to attend in person or via Zoom.
Help to make a difference
For our children, our families and our community

Community Links

The children continue to enjoy working in our garden with Richard from *Together We Grow*. Pictured (right) is a group of Year 4 gardeners. Richard also runs an after school club on a Thursday.

