

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

OUT OF THE BLUE

One of the pleasures and privileges of serving a school community is bumping into former pupils and their families. It is wonderful to share memories and see how children have grown into teenagers, and adults with careers and families of their own. Last month, completely out of the blue the school received an email, entitled *Thanks for Everything*. Here it is.

“I joined the school in 2018 2/3 into year 4 and when I got there I could not speak any English but all the staff and students were so helpful and kind to me and helped me out a lot. Year 4 is so special to me because I made new friends and everything we did was very enjoyable and it was my first Christmas in England and I absolutely loved it. In Year 5 I had Ms Skinner who’s one of the nicest teachers I’ve ever had and that year was also great and I accidentally got into the school dance and I was the only boy but Mrs Skinner was so proud that I was too scared to back out of it - p.s I won my second Governor’s Award in a row that year. Then into the last year... Year 6 - Year 6 was definitely a very memorable year and maybe it’s because it wasn’t too long ago but still, it was great. Mr Armitage taught me many things that helped me and that 1 mile jog/run/walk around the astroturf helped me that much that I can’t put into words how grateful I am for that! Never stop doing it because it makes the school stand out from others by not being afraid to take a little time off to help the students’ fitness and even they’re mentality by making them get into a good routine. When I lived in [his country of birth], I had a disease which didn’t let my body absorb the nutrients that I needed and after a lot of treatment and years with it, we came to England and I overcame it so I started gaining much weight (especially in year 5) and covid did not help so when I went into year 6 and out of nowhere we were doing those jogs around the astro I was surprised and it was hard at first but the teachers were encouraging and made it fun and over the year I lost a lot of weight and it has proven very helpful now that in secondary school where I am now playing a lot of football in and out of school and I’m happy with my body and I’m improving as well. So I decided to write this e-mail to the school as a thank you to all the staff who helped me on my journey to secondary school. So to whoever is reading this, if you could show this to Mr Armitage, Mr Garnett, Mrs Skinner and if somehow you could show this to my year 4 teachers who’s names I have sadly forgotten (it’s been like 5 years!) [Mrs. Olley and Mrs. Harrison] then I would be extremely grateful!

Keep doing what your doing and things will go great. So to anybody reading this, thank YOU for everything.”

Hopefully you will find this message as heart-warming as did the staff and governors. What a delightful young man.



Save the Children

Every year we celebrate harvest. Harvest is a time to give thanks and to think about people in need. We have supported many amazing charities over the years. The children learn about the charity, the need for it, the work it does and the difference our help can make. Sometimes we choose local charities that make a difference to the people in our community - like the Foodbank. Sometimes we help charities that work abroad - like WaterAid.

This year our chosen charity is **Save The Children**. This charity does amazing work all over the world and in the UK.

As always, our Harvest Festival is on the last day of the half term– Friday October 20th. It is also the very first whole school assembly our Reception children attend which makes it even more special. Sadly, we do not have room to invite parents but you will get to read all about it in Newsline. We will be singing songs, learning about the work of **Save The Children**.

All we ask is that your children bring a small donation to give to **Save The Children** on the day. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th October	Book Fair Arrives
Friday 13th October	Book Fair Last Day
Friday 13th October	NSA DISCO
Thursday 19th October	Pupils' Flu Vaccinations
Friday 20th October	End of half term
Tuesday 31st October	Return to school
Tues 14th November	OPEN AFTERNOON
Wednesday 22nd November	Colchester Lantern Festival
Thurs 30th November	Prospective Parents 2024 Open Evening
Friday 1st December 6.00pm	Christmas Bazaar
Wed 6th December morning	RECEPTION Nativity
Friday 8th December morning	Y2 Christmas Play
Wed 13th December Morning and afternoon	Nursery Christmas singalong
Thurs 14th December Afternoon	Y1 Christmas singalong
Friday 15th December	Y3&Y4 Christmas singalong
Tues 19th December evening	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Evening
Wed 20th December	Last day of autumn term
Thursday 4th January 2024	First day of spring term
Friday 16th February	Last day of half term
Monday 26th February	Return to school
Thursday 28th March	Last day of spring term
Tuesday 16th April	First day of summer term
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term
Tuesday 4th June	Return to school
Tuesday 23rd July	Final day of school year

NSA DISCO

Friday 13th October.

5.30 - 6.30pm Infants - parents to stay - dancing allowed!

6.45 - 8.00pm Juniors.

Entry by donations - no need to book tickets.

Lovely snacks and drinks available, very reasonably priced.

Entry via courtyard, exit via junior door

(by the white gates).

BOOK FAIR

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

For one week only

Pop in after school to 6M

Colchester Lantern Festival

This is a wonderful event. Pop it in your diary. 30 of our Year 4s will be walking down the High Street with their lanterns as part of a huge procession all the way to FIRSTSITE. It a joyous way for Colchester to launch the Christmas Festive season. Don't miss it.

(Photos below from last year)

