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Dear Parents / Carers

Thursday 2nd October 2014 is an important day for schools.

This is when the Department for Education (DFE) uses the number of children on roll at a school to set the school budget for the next financial year. This money pays for staffing, resources, assists in enriching our teaching and learning; helps us to part fund visits and visitors; maintains our buildings and computer equipment – to name but a few things schools have to spend their budget on.

This year the DFE will also be collecting information about how many Reception, Year One and Year Two children are having a school dinner. As you know, the government have said they will pay for every child in reception, year one and year two to have a school dinner. However, what they haven't said is that they are not funding it 100%. Using the numbers from Thursday 2nd October the DFE will contribute 80% of the total take up to fund these school dinners.

So why are we telling you this?

We have 58 children in reception, year one and year two

Currently about 50 on average are having a school dinner (86%)

If between now and the next census in January this figure remains the same then following the January census, the other 14% take up the offer of a free school meal, the school will be responsible for these costs.

Dinners for one child per year is currently £448.50. It would not take long to pick up a large bill. Therefore on census day in October and again in January we really need 100% take up.

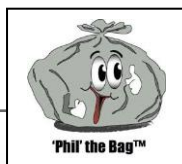
What to do next:

We would like to encourage all reception, year one and year two children to have a school dinner on Thursday 2nd October 2014.

On Thursday 2nd October 2014 the school menu will be changing to hot dogs, chips and beans with a biscuit for pudding to mark this very special day

We will have to do this again in January

Mrs C Karunaratna
Executive Headteacher



PHIL THE BAG

Please collect your Phil The Bag from the school office and fill it with textiles, clothes, shoes, old handbags and material.

Grab a bag for your family and friends to fill too!!!

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS AT HOME



In the street

- Recognising bus numbers
- Number plate hunt. Who can find a 7 Add the numbers up.
- Comparing door numbers
- Counting - how many lampposts on the way to school

Celebration Assembly

Tyler Adams
Pippa Carruthers-Smith
Holly Hoskins
Nicholas Hoskins
Shona Jefford
Samuel Kenicer
Kayleigh Luck
Beau Ness
Jamie Skeggs
Archie Tasker
Eleanor Tibbles

Celebration Assembly

Last week Attendance Ted was won by Class 2/3 and Punctuality Pup were won by Class 3/4

WELL DONE!!!

CELEBRATION
ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 3
OCTOBER

HOSTED BY CLASS 2/3



Lets all wish a great big

Happy Birthday !!

To.....

Tyler Adams
Chloe Gerkins
Samuel Kenicer

Please will all parents only use the disabled parking bay if you have an official blue badge.

Also please be careful where you park as space is limited. If you do have an issue with another parent over their parking, please be polite and respectful.

Parents,



Don't forget if you change your telephone number or move house, let the school know so we can keep our records up to date by popping into the office or emailing the school via secretary@northbourne.me

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK!!!

Friday 3 October 3.15pm to 6.00pm - Family Picnic and Games

Thursday 9 October 2.15pm - PTA AGM

Friday 10 October 1.30pm – Harvest Festival at the Church

Friday 17 October – Foodbank Giving Day

Tuesday 21 October 3.30pm to 6.30pm – Parents Evening

Thursday 23 October 3.30pm to 6.30pm - Parents Evening

Friday 24 October – Development Day



Thursday 9th October

Reception and Class 1/2 craft afternoon commencing at 1pm until 2.15pm.



HELP NORTHBOURNE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NATURE WATCH CAMERA.

We are currently selling Northbourne academic diaries, pocket sized and perfect for keeping those all important school dates and events to hand. Only £1.50 available at the school office.