

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Prayers of thankfulness and tribute to the Queen**

To honour Queen Elizabeth II's extraordinary life, and as a mark of respect, the school community met this morning. We watched a short video about her life and achievements, we prayed for her family and for King Charles III, and we held a minute's silence. The children were, as always, incredibly respectful. I am always so proud of the compassion, emotional intelligence and kindness that our school community shows.

At the end of this newsletter, you can read some of the prayers of thankfulness that the children wrote in school today.

### **Welcome to our new Reception pupils and their families!**

The whole school community would like to extend a special Northbourne welcome to all our new Reception class pupils and their families! We are thrilled to welcome you all to Northbourne and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. We hope you have a fantastic start to your school life here!



### **Harvest Crafternoon, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm – all welcome!**

You are very welcome to join your child in their classroom from 1.30pm on the afternoon of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September for some Harvest craft. This is a relaxed afternoon where parents are invited to join their child and help to create some craft together. You are welcome to drop in for 10 minutes or stay for the whole afternoon. We hope you will be able to join us.

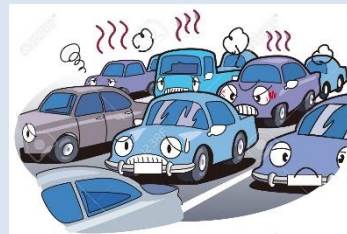
### **Parents Evening – 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Our first Parents Evenings of the year will take place after school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please make a note of these dates. These are valuable opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their learning and their progress. We hope you will be able to attend. The online booking system for these dates will open later in the term. We will let you know when and how to book.

## Driving to and from school & the car park

Please look out for the letter regarding the unofficial one-way system we encourage you to follow when driving to and from school. This helps to minimise meeting oncoming traffic along the narrow lane leading to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Please park as considerately and as carefully as you can in the school car park. It does get extremely busy, and it is not large enough for the whole school community. This means you may find yourself blocked in for a few minutes, or unable to park immediately upon arrival. We appreciate your understanding and patience with this.



## Please make a note of this year's INSET days, where school is closed to pupils

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (Monday following Oct Half Term)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## Prayers of thankfulness and tribute to the Queen



Dear God,  
Thank you for blessing us with the Queen. We are thankful for her committed service to our for 70 years. She was resilient and gave us faith through sad times and hard times. She gave encouraging speeches to other children during WWII. She was someone we could always look up to and rely on. She was very committed to her duties and we know she loved our nation and commonwealth.  
Amen  
Harle class



Dear God,

Thank you for your servant Queen Elizabeth who showed us great faith and dedication throughout her life. Amen



Queen

Dear Lord,

We are gathered here today to mark the passing of her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth the Second. We are thankful for these precious years you have gifted us. We celebrate her long life of ninety six years as our longest reigning monarch, ruling over England for seventy years. Keep us hopeful over these coming weeks as King Charles the third takes the throne and send our support to the Royal family at this difficult time. We are thankful that the Queen has seen so many years on the throne and we hope King Charles will too.

We thank you for everything, Lord.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Oak Class.