

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **School closed on Monday 19th September for State Funeral**

The official date of the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is Monday 19th September 2022.

This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day as a mark of respect, which will include our school.

A period of National Mourning continues until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period for reflection in response to the death of the Sovereign.



### **Head Pupils 2022/2023**

Congratulations to Lyra Moggach and Zachary Glassbrook-Jones for being voted-in as our two Head Pupils for this academic year!

Our Year 6 pupils have a number of responsibilities throughout their final year at Northbourne, and taking up the role of Head Pupil is an incredibly important job. The two Head Pupils work alongside Mr Reynolds and the staff, they present much valued certificates to pupils in Friday assemblies, they celebrate other pupils' outstanding behaviour and celebrate the school values wherever they are shown. The Head Pupils also play a part in welcoming visitors to our school and being fantastic role models to everyone in our community.

Congratulations to Lyra and Zach, and a huge thank you to all the Year 6 pupils who wrote letters of application. The staff loved reading your letters and we appreciate your resilience and pride in wishing to represent your school.



### **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.

## **Harvest Festival service at St Augustine's church**

The pupils' first celebration service of the year is fast approaching. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October the pupils and staff will walk down to St Augustine's for a short Harvest service with Father Andrew. Unfortunately, due to the limited seating inside the church, on this occasion we are unable to invite parents to join us. However, we are very excited to be taking our new Reception pupils on their first visit to the church!

At the Harvest service we invite all the pupils to carry a tin of food or a packet of food down to the church, to add to their Harvest donations. The food is then taken on our behalf to either the Emmaus homeless charity in Dover or to the local foodbank.

We will remind you of the details of the Harvest service, including food donations, closer to the time.

## **Mrs Lund**

As you know, Mrs Lund will be leaving us after nearly six years at Northbourne. She has managed our busy school office and supported the whole school community throughout her time here. Mrs Lund is often at the hub of school activities and communications, linking the parents, staff and pupils together. The whole community has hugely valued her professionalism and friendship towards the school, and we are all incredibly grateful for all she has done for Northbourne. Mrs Lund's last day will be **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**.

We are still in the recruitment process and will inform you once we have appointed. In the meantime, please do communicate with school in the usual way.

## **Bumped Heads – information for parents new to Northbourne**



Inevitably, children do have accidents whilst at school, including bumping their heads. If your child should bump their head during the school day, we will send you a text to let you know. A trained first aider will have administered first aid, staff will closely monitor, and the text will tell you that we have no cause for concern.

If we are at all worried that the injury is more serious (or any injury for that matter) we will, of course, call you immediately.

## **Nut allergies**

Just to remind you all that we do have pupils and staff at school with nut allergies, therefore, we must ask that no products containing nuts be sent in to school. This includes **peanut butter sandwiches in lunch boxes**. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

If your child has an allergy that you feel we need to be aware of, please do speak to Mrs Lund in the school office.

## **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 all 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.

## **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

Joy



HOPE



Dear God



Respect



Today we say thank you for the life of queen Elizabeth II. Thankyou for everything that she did for people all over the world. She was kind, wise and generous. Thankyou for her good heart. Thankyou that she showed us how to serve other people. Help us live our life like she did. We pray for the royal family as they remember their mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. We pray for our leaders and prime minister during this hard time of change.



QUEEN  
ELIZABETH II  
THE  
SECOND 1926-2022



Amen  
written by  
Amber



Faith



1926-2022



Kindness



never stop believing

LOVE



Forgiveness

