

"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."
(Matthew: 17 v20)

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CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS C. WINSLADE

VICE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MR B. SEMPLE

23rd September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to Mrs Lund, and good luck in your new job!

Today we say "thank you!" to Mrs Lund for all she has done for the pupils, parents and staff at Northbourne.

Mrs Lund has been at the heart of our school community for the past 6 years, caring for the pupils and supporting the parents and staff with all that busy school life brings. We are all very grateful for Mrs Lund's hard work, support and friendship. We wish her all the best as she starts a new role.

We will hopefully have an update for you very soon on our new school secretary. In the meantime, Mr Reynolds, Mrs Morrison and the staff team will be covering the school office, so please bear with us as we strive to keep things running as smoothly as usual!

Willow Class meet with our tree surgeons

During their morning Forest School session, Willow Class noticed plenty of noise and activity coming from the copse at the bottom of the field. The children went to investigate with Mr Chidwick and discovered our tree surgeons hard at work, cutting and pruning the trees.

The children had the opportunity to learn about how trees grow, why they need pruning and what happens to the branches after they've been cut down. Next week the children in Willow Class will have the chance to use some of the cut branches as materials for den building. We look forward to seeing what they build next week!



Governor vacancy

Just to remind any parents who are interested in standing as parent governor for our school; the application forms were sent out last week and will need to be returned by Fri 30th Sep. The key areas of expertise we are looking for on our governing body are:



- A sound knowledge and understanding of the unique rural, geographical challenges that Northbourne faces.
- Ideally, involved in local business / services / work that could help guide the school's relationship with the surrounding farming and rural community, and the local villages.
- Experience or interest in workplace health and safety practices and policy.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr Reynolds if you have any questions regarding the role of parent governor.

Sickness reminder

Please note that if your child becomes poorly with either sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea then they should not attend school for 48 hours following their last bout. This is the NHS guidance that we follow, in order to reduce the chances of other pupils, parents or staff catching any germs and falling ill. Thank you for your support with this. Further details can be found in the policies section of our website, under: "Parent guide to short term illness."

Harvest Crafternoon, Friday 30th September 1.30pm – all welcome!



You are very welcome to join your child in their classroom from 1.30pm on the afternoon of Friday 30th 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 7th 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. On our behalf the food is taken either to 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.

Farewell from Mrs Lund

Today is my last day at Northbourne, which is all at once, happy and sad. Sad because I have worked with a great team of people who have become my work family. The team at Northbourne are a dedicated bunch of people and their enthusiasm and humour makes the working day a joy. Sad also, because I will miss the children. I started at Northbourne when our current Y6 children were in reception, so I have literally seen them grow in confidence, maturity and quite literally, tall! Happy, because I am facing a new challenge, less hours, the chance to holiday at other times of the year – when it's cheap and quality time with our new grandson, Harry.

Although I will have left the building, I will still be in the area so I look forward to seeing you out and about to say 'hello'.

Mrs Lund

Learning Warriors
16 September 2022
Beech – Jude
Maple – Sophie T.
Hazel – Matilda G-K.
Oak – Emily J.H.

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

Monday 31st October (Monday following Oct Half Term)

Friday 23rd June

Monday 26th June



