

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Welcome to our new school secretary, Mrs Berridge

We would like to welcome Mrs Berridge, our new school secretary, to our Northbourne community. I'm sure you will all get to know Mrs Berridge over the coming weeks and we all look to working with her.

We are currently in the process of bridging the gap between Mrs Lund leaving, Mr Reynolds wearing the secretary hat and now Mrs Berridge joining us, so please bear with us as we transfer everything over and get back up to speed.

### Harvest Festival service



Thank you to all of our families for sending in your generous donations for the Foodbank. The children all carefully carried their items down to the church and placed them at the collection point by the altar. It is lovely to see the our pupils engaging in charitable actions.

It was wonderful to once again take the whole school community to St Augustine's for our Harvest Festival service. It has been a number of years since we have been able to do this, so it was lovely to see the children walking across the fields with their friends, carrying their donations and all gathering together in the church for a celebration!

A special thank you goes to our Yr 6 pupils for buddying up with our youngest pupils in Willow class to walk there and back. This was a great way to show our Christian values of kindness and love, and reminded us all of what a caring community our school is.

### School photographs, this Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

On Monday, Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual photographs of the pupils, plus sibling group photos. Tempest will also take group sibling photos with any pre-school brothers or sisters. If you wish to bring your pre-school child along for a photo with their older sibling, please line up at the hall doors starting from 8.30am.

All school children must be in school uniform for their photo on Monday. Willow class may bring their PE kit to school in a bag to change into after their photo has been taken.

## House Captains and Vice House Captains

We are thrilled to announce our new House Captains and Vice House Captains for this academic year:



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| • St Andrews  | Jessica (Captain) | Becky (Vice Captain)  |
| • St Davids   | Tabitha (Captain) | Bethan (Vice Captain) |
| • St Georges  | Jude (Captain)    | Esme (Vice Captain)   |
| • St Patricks | Hanako (Captain)  | Isla (Vice Captain)   |

Being a house captain or vice-captain is a special responsibility at Northbourne. It requires leadership skills and a calm head to organise each house for the competitions and challenges that take place throughout the year. The children in their houses have voted each of our new captains and vice-captains in. We wish them the very best for a competitive and fun year ahead!

## Parents' Evening – booking open now



Our Term 1 Parents' Evenings take place on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. The first time slot will be at 3.30pm and the last time slot will be no later than 6.30pm. Please note, different teachers will set slightly different start and end times for their evenings, this will be clear when you view the online booking form.

You can book a time slot via our **school website**. Click under Parent News, then Parent Consultations.  
<https://www.northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk/>

## Friends of Northbourne (FON)

Our school PTA group, the Friends of Northbourne, will be holding their next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm at the school. We would like to encourage anyone to come along to the meeting and to get involved with supporting the fundraising and events that the FON organise throughout the year.

With the Christmas Fair a little over two months away, now is a great time for new volunteers to join!

Learning Warriors  
Finn & Rex – Beech  
Elliott & Olivia – Maple  
Sasha & Lexi – Hazel  
Amber & Hanako – Oak



## Harvest Prayers

### **Zach (Head Boy):**

Let us pray

Father God, we want to thank you for everything that you give us. Thank you that you provide us with everything we need to survive. Thank you for all the food you provide us with and at Harvest time, we especially thank you for the farmers who grow and protect the crops. We pray for them, that you would bless them. Thank you for the opportunities that Harvest offers us, to be thankful for everything we have and selfless when considering the needs of those less fortunate than we are

Lord God, we thank you for Harvest. Amen

### **Lyra (Head Girl):**

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to remember the message from the Bible we heard today. Please help us not to worry, even if we are finding things difficult. Help us not to worry about our problems and know that you will provide for us. We pray for those less fortunate than us, that you will give them hope and that we will be able to share what we have with them. Let us not fret in times of trouble, but bow down to our Father, trusting that hope will come and that we can enjoy life to the full.

Lord God, we thank you for Harvest. Amen

