

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Attendance – Top marks for Northbourne!

Thank you to all of our families for making every effort to get up to Northbourne each day. We appreciate that many of our families have to make the extra effort of driving up to school, rather than walking around the corner to a more local school. This makes it even more impressive to tell you that Northbourne had the **best attendance figures for Term 1 of all of the DEALT schools!** This is wonderful news!



Term 1 Attendance: 96.2%

Authorised absence: 3.1% (e.g. illness)

Unauthorised absence: 0.7% (e.g. term time holidays)

Attendance is monitored very closely by schools and OFSTED, and we all recognise that daily attendance and punctuality is vital for our children to progress with their learning and development.

Please do continue to prioritise your child's attendance and punctuality, and let's see if we can move our attendance towards 97% by the end of Term 2.

Friends of Northbourne (FON) update

The FON are busy making preparations for the Christmas Fair, which this year will take place on Friday 9th December.

- **Christmas Fair Volunteers** - There will soon be a sign up sheet at the office for any of you who are able to commit some time to running a stall and helping on the day. Please do sign up if you can, we always need plenty of willing volunteers!
- **Christmas Raffle Prizes** - The FON would also like to put out a request for any local businesses or individuals who would be willing to donate a prize for the raffle. These are usually prizes that are useable by the pupils and their families, such as restaurant/take away vouchers or sessions at a local leisure facility, or passes to an attraction or places to visit. If you know of anybody who may be able to offer something, please do ask them to contact the school office with details of what they are willing to donate.
- **18th Nov Used Christmas Jumper / Nativity costume sale** – On Friday 18th Nov, the FON will be holding a sale of used Christmas Jumpers and children's Nativity costumes. Please bring any donations of used Christmas jumpers or old Nativity costumes to the school office ahead of the 18th.



Thank you Mrs Rist

Today the school community gathered to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Rist, as she moves on from her TA role in Willow Class at Northbourne. Mrs Rist has had a wonderful impact on our community, especially with our youngest pupils in Reception. We are thankful for all she has done in her time at Northbourne.

Mrs Rist will be staying within our DEALT group of schools. She will now be further developing the skills she has shown at Northbourne in her new role, supporting 1:1 learning with pupils in need of additional support. We wish her all the best in her new job.

Martha Trust Christmas colouring competition



The children will be bringing home a Christmas colouring scene to complete for entry into the Martha Trust Christmas colouring competition. Please encourage your child to complete this activity at home. If you wish to enter the competition, completed entries can be posted in Santa's letterbox at the Martha Trust Christmas Fayre on Sat 26th November at Sandwich Guildhall. The competition will be judged by the Mayor of Sandwich. Good luck!

Poppy Appeal – Remembrance at Northbourne



On Friday 11th November, the school community will gather together at 11am for a Remembrance Collective Worship, in order to mark Armistice Day. Poppies and assorted stationery are currently on sale at school. If your child wishes to donate to the appeal and receive a poppy and a piece of stationery, please send them into school with their donations.

Our two Head Pupils and our four House Captains and four Vice Captains will represent Northbourne at the 11am Remembrance event in Eastry on the 11th Nov.

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

Friday 23rd June
Monday 26th June

Learning Warrior **4th November, 2022**

Willow – Abel
Beech – Reggie
Maple – Olivia
Hazel – Thomas G
Oak – Sam
Head Boy Award – Mr Reynolds
Head Girl Award – Willow Class
Attendance Ted – Beech
Punctuality Pup – Beech

