

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas dates at Northbourne



We will communicate further details for each event closer to the time.

**End of Term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Pupils can be collected from 1pm. School stays open until 3pm as usual for those who cannot be collected early or wish to stay at school, or for those going to Wrap Around.



Children in Need SPOTACULAR! – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> is Children In Need fundraising day. This year we would like to invite the children to have a **non-uniform day and wear something spotty**, just like the spots on Pudsey's bandana! We will be running a cashless donation system, where you will be able to make donations electronically, as we did last year. Information about this will come out next week. We all look forward to seeing a spotty and colourful Northbourne on Friday!

Times Tables Rock Stars – House Challenge



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Northbourne will be holding a House Challenge on Times Tables Rockstars for Year 1 to Year 6.

The pupils will be encouraged to logon to Times Table Rockstars and complete as many times table challenges as they can. To score as many points as they can for their House, we encourage them to logon at home, as well as at school, on Thursday, to help rack up the points!

Further details will be shared next week. Get practicing those times tables ahead of Thursday!

## Armistice Day

Well done to all of our school community for marking Remembrance Day so respectfully. Reception to Year 6 gathered in the school hall where they joined a live stream from the Cenotaph in London. Our Head Pupils and House Captains and Vice Captains, joined the act of remembrance in Eastry village, along with representatives from the British Legion and members of the public. Thank you to all of our families who sent in donations for the Poppy Appeal.



On Sunday, a poppy cross will be laid at the war memorial in Eastry, on behalf of the Northbourne school community. Thank you to Mrs Kershaw and the King family for representing our school at the Remembrance service this Sunday.

### **Prayer with poppies**

Anyone can be involved in prayers for remembering, whether in church or at home. All you need for this simple prayer is a poppy each.

Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

## Northbourne – December Christmas Diary Dates 2022

- **Fri 2nd - Elf Day (National Alzheimers Society)** - Christmas dress up day

Christmas dress up day in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.  
Pupils and staff to come into school dressed as an Elf, or wearing any other Christmas themed clothing. Enter into the spirit, wear something bright, fun and festive and help us to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

- **Tue 6th, Wed 7th - Nativity** – performed by all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:

Performance 1: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm  
Performance 2: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm

Both performances are the same. We will communicate directly with parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children with further details.

- **Fri 9th - Christmas Fair** – The Friends of Northbourne Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – 4pm

Information about donations, volunteers, events, to follow.

- **Mon 12th - Christmas Story Time!** – Storytelling morning

A special storytelling morning for the pupils, with staff celebrating and sharing some favourite stories.

**Christmas Singing** – Join us on Monday afternoon in the hall 2.15pm

The whole school will be singing through the Christmas songs that they have learnt this year with Mrs Tutton. Everybody welcome for mince pies and hot drinks.

- **Tue 13th - Northbourne singing at Eurotunnel** – Choir club and Year 6

Mrs Tutton's Choir club and Year 6 pupils will be singing Christmas songs to the passengers at the Eurotunnel terminal. More details for those pupils involved to follow.

- **Wed 14th - Christmas lunch** – Whole School Meals Christmas lunch day!

- **Thurs 15th - Christingle at St Augustine's Church** – 10am, pupils in Year 3 to Year 6

Parents welcome to join us at St Augustine's church at 10am for a traditional Christingle service.

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Learning Warrior**  
**11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

Willow – Aston  
Beech – Leo  
Maple – Inigo  
Hazel – Drew  
Oak – Lyra  
Head Boy Award – Archie  
Attendance Ted – Beech & Hazel  
Punctuality Pup – Willow & Beech

