



Dear Parents / Carers,

Festive music at Northbourne!

The children at Northbourne are in full swing, practicing for Christmas. Our weekly singing assemblies have been focusing on our favourite Christmas songs and hymns, practicing for our Christmas Singing event on Monday 12th December and our Christingle on Thurs 15th.

Our fabulous school choir have also been taking Christmas bookings! On Tue 13th Dec they are off to Eurotunnel to fill the terminal with beautiful Christmas singing. They have also been approached to sing at some other local events. We will update you as and when these happen. Remember, you will be able to hear the choir sing as you arrive at the Christmas Fair on Fri 9th Dec.

Finally, Oak Class have been practicing "Jingle Bells" on their cornets during their music lessons. Mr Reynolds was treated to a rendition today and it sounded fantastic!



Christmas Fair information - Thank you for the Christmas Fair donations

A huge thank you to all of our pupils and parents who donated chocolates and bottles today. The donations will be passed on to the Friends of Northbourne, ready for the Christmas Fair on Fri 9th Dec.

Please note: The Christmas Fair is taking place on **Friday 9th December between 2pm-4pm**. When you arrive at school please head straight to your child's class where they will have some of their own Christmas craft to sell to you! You will then be able to take your child from class and visit the fair. You are free to take your child home at any point after 2pm, once you have finished at the fair.

For any parent unable to attend, there will be an opportunity for your children to go around the fair with a member of staff. They will then return to class in time to be collected or head to Snug Bugs at 3pm.

Important Christmas Fair timings:

- Fair opens at 2pm
- Choir will be singing at entrance from 2pm to approx 2.20pm
- Dance club will be performing on the stage in the hall at 3.30pm (dancers in rehearsal at 3.00pm)
- Raffle will be called shortly before 4.00pm

If you can spare some time to help out that would be amazing. Mrs Berridge has the signup sheet in reception so if you can spare anytime, please get in touch.

Nativity arrangements – adults attending



We are in the process of establishing how many adults we can safely and comfortably fit in the school hall for our Nativity performances. Following the COVID restrictions of previous years, we are hoping to be able to accommodate more family and friends to come along and enjoy the performance. Please bear in mind that we are still likely to have to limit the number of places per family. We will let you know asap next week, and we will try our very best to accommodate as many of you as possible.

Flu vaccinations – Available to all year groups – Thurs 1st Dec

ACTION REQUIRED

The Kent Community Health nurses will be in school on Thursday 1st Dec to administer the flu nasal vaccine to our children from Reception through to Year 6. The vaccination is a quick and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have it again this year. There is no charge for the vaccine.

Please complete the online form before 26/11/2022 to either **consent or decline** the vaccination at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

Please submit **either a YES consent or a NO consent** as the NHS will continue to invite your child to be vaccinated unless they hear from you.

Health For Kids have produced a short animation for you to show your child. Please visit [Stopping Flu | Staying Healthy | Health for Kids](#) to watch the video and for more information for your child.

Christmas Lunch menu – Wed 14th Dec



If you would like your child to have Christmas Lunch on Wed 14th Dec, please can I ask you to **inform the school office via text or email.**

The kitchen will need to know numbers **by Wed 30th November** so that they can place the food order.

Christmas lunch is the same cost as a normal school dinner, £ 2.35 and can be paid via the normal Whole School Meals method.

Pupils in Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2 do not need to pay for lunches under the Universal Infant Free School Meals system.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals they will not have to pay, as per usual.

Wednesday 14th December

Roast turkey, pig in blanket
stuffing ball & gravy
or

Veggie meatloaf, quorn sausage
stuffing ball & gravy (vg)

Roast potatoes
Brussel sprouts
Honey roasted parsnips
Peas & Carrot medley

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Christmas Tree Cookie

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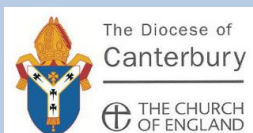
Allergy options available on request

Learning Warrior 25th November, 2022

Willow – Isla
Beech – Louie
Maple – Brooks
Hazel – Harrison
Oak – Alfie
Head Boy Award – Rose
Head Girl Award – Vienna
Attendance Ted – Hazel
Punctuality Pup – Willow

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

Friday 23rd June 2023
Monday 26th June 2023



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 6th Dec 2pm
Performance 2: Wednesday 7th 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 9th 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.

