



**NORTHBOURNE
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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"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

JOINT VICE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MR B. SEMPLE & MR C. THOMPSON

16th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

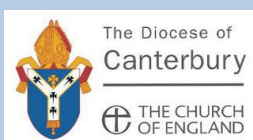


Message from Mrs Winslade, our Chair of Governors

During Terms 1 and 2 there have been two governor meetings where we have supported Mr Reynolds and the staff develop plans for the academic year and welcomed Dave Jackson-Merrick and Rob Marriott to our board of governors. We have now been able to visit the school on a more regular basis and enjoyed being involved in Collective Worship, meeting children and staff, meeting some of you at Parent Evenings and even seeing you at the gate.

As we approach a very welcome Christmas break I would like, on behalf of our governors, to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this a special time for all of our children. For those of you who were able to attend the Nativity production, Christmas Fair, Christmas Singing or the Christingle Service I am sure you will agree that it has been fantastic to share in these events again with the children.

Wishing you and your families, and the staff of Northbourne, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Christmas Fair



Thank you to everybody who supported the Christmas Fair last week. We are thrilled to report that the Friends Of Northbourne have counted up **an amazing profit exceeding £2000!** Thank you all so much for your support and generosity! All of this money will go towards supporting the pupils at Northbourne throughout the coming year.

Thank you to the Friends Of Northbourne and all of the volunteers who helped to make the Christmas Fair such a success.

Christmas Singing & Christingle Service

This week we have rounded off our Christmas celebrations with an afternoon of Christmas singing at school followed by our traditional Christingle service at St Augustine's church in Northbourne village.

The pupils in Years 3 to 6 learnt about the meaning of the Christingle this week, as they all had the opportunity to make a Christingle for themselves. The pupils learnt that the orange represents the world, the sweets and fruit show God's goodness, the ribbon represents God's love, and the candle is Jesus, the light of the world.

Thank you to all the family and friends who were able to join us for these two events. We hope you enjoyed the children's festive singing, prayers and readings as much as we did.



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday saw the whole school dressed in bright, festive, Christmas jumpers as we all gathered in the school hall to enjoy our Christmas lunch together. All of the adults in school served the pupils their lunch, and each child had a cracker to pull with their friends. Christmas music was playing and a round of applause was given for Louise and Natalie, our wonderful school cooks. It was a lovely way to top off our week of Christmas celebrations!





Father Christmas' visit

We were very excited when Father Christmas dropped into school on Wednesday afternoon this week, to surprise all of the pupils. He took time out of his very busy schedule to visit each of the classes and hand out an early Christmas present to everybody. The pupils were extremely excited to welcome him into their classrooms, and they all showed lovely manners as they thanked him for their chocolate!

Choir performing at Eurotunnel

On Tuesday morning, our school choir and Year 6 children went to Eurotunnel to sing to the passengers as they waited for their trains in the terminal. They had a full programme, singing all the songs we have learnt this year - and a few more! This is an event we have been involved with previously and it was wonderful to be invited back to sing again. The children helped to create a lovely, festive feel to the terminal - they sang beautifully and represented our school superbly. One passenger told us that he had not been feeling 'Christmassy' before and hearing the children had made his day and he would now travel feeling more festive!



***Please note: Monday 2nd January – Bank holiday
Tuesday 3rd January – Start of Term 3 for all pupils**

The Big Question:

Is it better to give or receive a gift?



**Term 2 - Values
Trophy Winners**



KS1 - Chloe

KS2 - Elliott

End of Term 2 Values Class Winners

Inquisitive

Willow – Austin
Beech – Leo
Maple – Faith
Hazel – Eleanor
Oak - Jack

Communicative

Willow – Fred L
Beech – Rex
Maple – Gino
Hazel – Eve
Oak - Jude

Collaborative

Willow – Maisie
Beech – Charlotte
Maple – George O'B
Hazel – Willow
Oak - Esme

Resilient

Willow – Hester
Beech – Finn
Maple – Hugo
Hazel – Ella Y
Oak - Lyra

Independence

Willow – Lachlan
Beech – Olivia
Maple – Arthur
Hazel – Delilah
Oak - Lucy

Emotionally Intelligent

Willow – Ivy
Beech – Lily
Maple – Ronnie
Hazel – Drew
Oak - Elsie