



# 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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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Two upcoming non-uniform days

- **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – NSPCC Number day**
- **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Let's Connect, Children's Mental Health**



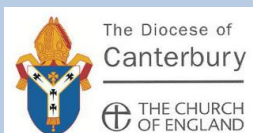
We have two non-uniform days coming up, on the last two Fridays of term. The first is on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, in support of NSPCC Number Day**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience "Maths, but not as we know it!"

The theme for the day is "Dress Up For Digits!" We would like to invite the children to **come to school wearing something with numbers on**. They do not need to wear their uniforms, they could wear sports kits, clothes with numbers printed on or numbers added on, numbers in their hair - numbers anywhere! We will be raising funds for the NSPCC. The NSPCC provides vital services for children such as Childline and the Speak out Stay Safe programme.



On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be supporting Children's Mental Health week**. This is an opportunity for us to shine a spotlight on children and young people's mental health. By getting involved, we'll not only be raising important awareness, but also vital funds to ensure every child has easy access to mental health support. This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week is "Let's Connect." This will encourage children (and adults) to look at how we can make healthy and meaningful connections.

To help raise funds for Children's Mental Health Week we would like to invite the pupils and staff to use clothes and colour to express yourself. **Wear your favourite party dress, or your team's football kit, or whatever outfit you feel best expresses your personality and interests!** We will be collecting donations for Place2Be children's mental health charity that provides counselling and mental health support and training in UK schools.



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## **Request for Crochet Hooks**



Year 3 and Year 6 have started a lunchtime crocheting club and are in need of some additional crochet hooks. If you happen to have some that could be donated to school, please drop them into the office.

The crochet club are currently crocheting blankets to be taken to our friends at Age Concern in Sandwich.



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## **Tweaks to the Whole School Meals menu, including this coming week**

Please note the following changes to the current 3 week rolling menu on offer from Whole School Meals:

### **Week 1**

Thursday Salad will be replaced with mixed veg

### **Week 2**

Monday Veggie Burrito will be changed to Mac n cheese

Next week, with possible strike action taking place across Deal schools on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, and to alleviate the possible food waste situation, we have decided to 'change the menu' that day.

The menu on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 will be Pizza, Wedges and Baked Beans followed by Apple Flapjack. So that the children do not 'miss out' on a roast day, we are also planning on changing Tuesday to a Roast day.

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## **Teaching union – Strike action**

As I am sure you are aware, the NEU teaching union has announced they intend to strike on 4 days over the next couple of months. The first of these will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We are following the guidance that both unions and the government have given schools on how to handle industrial action in schools.

There will be disruption to some classes at Northbourne. We have now communicated to all parents whether or not their child's class is closing due to industrial action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please check your email for a letter.

We apologise for the continually changing situation and the late notice ahead of next Wednesday, however, I am sure you appreciate that we can only respond once we are aware of which classes will be affected by industrial action.

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## **Friends of Northbourne – DISCO!**

The F.O.N. will be running a Disco for the pupils at Northbourne on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 4.30pm to 6.00pm!

Tickets are £5 and the Disco will include:

- An amazing DJ
- Hot Dog
- Snacks
- Unlimited Squash

You can purchase your child a ticket via the Teacher2Parents school app. The Disco is open to all Northbourne pupils.

If any parents / carers would be interested in joining the F.O.N. team or helping out at events, such as the disco, please contact Mrs Berridge in the school office.



### **Learning Warrior** **27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Willow – Charlotte  
Beech – Archie D  
Maple – Rupert  
Hazel – Matilda-May  
Oak – Freddie  
Head Boy Award – Emily W  
Head Girl Award – Jasper  
Attendance Ted – Beech 99%  
Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech,  
Maple & Hazel

**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

### **INSET DAYS 2023 – 2024**

Friday 1st September 2023  
Monday 30th October 2023  
3 further inset days - dates to be announced

