

Dear Parents / Carers,

Coronation celebration at Northbourne



On Friday 5th May we will be holding a Coronation street party for the children!

Non-Uniform – Dress to impress!

Friday 5th May will be a Coronation celebration day at school. Everybody is invited to join in with a special non-uniform day. We would like all pupils and staff to dress ready for a Royal Garden Party! You could choose to dress in a beautiful Princess dress, come in formal wear like a King or Prince, you could wear your smartest party outfit, or you could wear red, white and blue and be waving Union Flags! We would like everybody to look the part for our special day.

Street Party

In the afternoon, the children will enjoy a traditional Coronation street party on the playground. The Friends of Northbourne will be helping with the party bunting and decorations and the children will enjoy some tasty party treats from their own decorated Coronation plate. The children's plates will be sent home the day before for you to plate up with party food for your child (no nuts, please). School lunch will go ahead as normal on this day, so the plate does not need to be a packed lunch, more a plate of party treats! We will communicate about this further, closer to the date.



Parents welcome to join us from 2.30pm

Please do join us anytime from 2.30pm for tea and cake on the playground. The children will be performing a special Coronation song that they are learning, "Our King", at 2.45pm.

Coronation commemorative gifts

Every child at Northbourne will receive commemorative gifts to keep and take home, to remember the Coronation. Thank you to the Friends of Northbourne for helping with this.

Friends of Northbourne – Quiz Night

The Friends of Northbourne warmly invite you to join them for the upcoming quiz night, on Friday 19th May.

Teams of up to 8 people, £5 per adult, all proceeds going to the Friends of Northbourne to help fund future resources and opportunities for the pupils.

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are welcome to make up members of a team with their parents, no cost for pupils.

Please bring your own food and drink, alcohol is allowed at an evening event....in moderation! We have limited space in our hall, so do book soon if you wish to take part.



Friends of Northbourne – Tuck Shop – Next Friday 28th April

The tuck shop will be back, straight after school next Friday 28th April. Stop by on your way home to treat yourself to some sweets or crisps!

Improvement works around the school site

You will have noticed that we are currently having some much needed improvement work completed around the site. Firstly, the surface underneath the children's play equipment on the playground is being replaced. The surface had become distorted and uneven due to years of rain water running underneath and also moles digging beneath the surface. The groundwork being carried out will replace every layer of the playsurface, including new mole guards, new soft play padding and new artificial grass. We are hoping that this work will be finished by next week.



We have also had the old, 1960's skylights removed from the roof of the Victorian building, above Mr Martin and Miss Cooper's classrooms. These old skylights were not only unsightly and not in keeping with the Victorian frontage of the school, but were also the cause of water damage in both classrooms due to the amount of rain water that would leak through. These have now been removed and the roof has been re-tiled.

Our attention now turns to our outdoor raised beds and garden space, which has become overrun with weeds and needs a thorough tidy and freshen up. If any parents have an hour to spare during the week, and are happy to get their hands dirty, please speak to either Mr Reynolds or Mr Chidwick. We would appreciate any help in the garden that you can offer.



Upcoming teacher strike days

As I am sure you are aware, one teaching union, the NEU, have announced a further two days of industrial action. ***The next dates of industrial action are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.***

Within our school we have teachers who are members of the NEU. We understand and respect that some teachers feel very strongly about taking industrial action in order to address salaries and school funding.

All parents should have received a letter today informing you whether your child's class will be closed on the above dates due to industrial action.

Food Bank – access support via Northbourne



Northbourne have now established a link with the local Food Bank, meaning that any families or individuals who need to access the support of the Food Bank can do so by speaking confidentially to either Mr Reynolds, Mrs Morrison or Mrs Berridge. Please do arrange to speak to us, we are very happy to help.

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

Friday 23rd June
Monday 26th June

Learning Warrior 21st April 2023

Willow – Fred L
Beech – Jake
Maple – Gino
Hazel – Willow
Oak – Bethan
Head Boy Award – Inigo
Head Girl Award – Phoebe
Attendance Ted – Maple
Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech,
Hazel



Dear God

Thank you for my friends
and the animals.

Thank you for the trees
and the plants.

Amen

Natalie

