



**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)

HEADTEACHER: MR M. REYNOLDS

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CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS C. WINSLADE

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**



Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. We will be supporting this charity event at school by inviting the pupils to **Wear One Item Of Red Clothing!**

Children must still wear school uniform, however, one item of (visible!) clothing can be swapped out for a red item of clothing. For example, children could choose to swap their school polo shirt for a red top, or their school jumper for a red one, or simply wear a pair of red socks. Red Noses are also very welcome!

Parents will be able to make a donation via the normal school app. All money raised will go directly to Comic Relief to support the amazing projects and organisations that they are working on, to tackle some of the biggest challenges society faces today.



### **Cross Country Relay Race – report from the children**

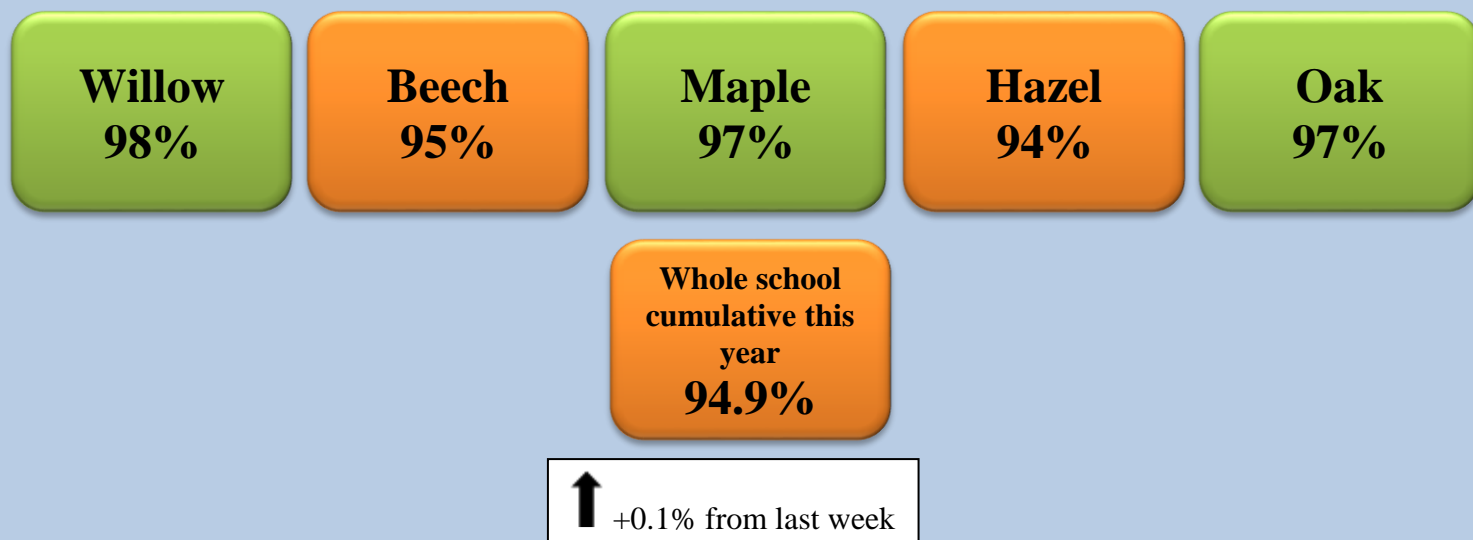
On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Zachary, Tristan, Bethan, Emily W, Lucy and Frank took part in a Cross-Country relay race at Northbourne Park School. It was a cold day and we experienced sleet and snow on the route, but that didn't stop us! We enjoyed using our school values while working together to complete the race.



We ran one section each, passing the baton onto the next runner after each one. We came 11<sup>th</sup> out of 23 teams and we are very proud of ourselves! Northbourne Park supplied us with refreshments after the relay race and we were extremely grateful as the run was very tiring. At the end, we all received certificates rewarding our hard work. We wouldn't have done as well if we hadn't worked as a team; everyone contributed very well and we had lots of fun too. The Year 5s are already looking forward to improving their race next year!

## Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 06.03.23



### The aim

At Northbourne, along with our DEALT colleagues, we take attendance and punctuality very seriously. Our aim is to have an attendance figure at or above **97%**, in excess of the national average. Attendance data is tracked by all stakeholders: the Department for Education, our school Governors, our DEALT Trustees, OFSTED, as well as school staff.

\*(Our current attendance percentage is **94.9%** and we **MUST** improve on this figure.\*

### Have we heard from you?

If your child is absent from school and we have not heard from you, we will always repeatedly contact you until we know why your child is not in school. This is part of our safeguarding duty of care towards your child. Please do not take offence if we keep calling or messaging you, we must do everything to ensure children are safe and accounted for. Thank you for your support with this.

### Absence through illness

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 8.45am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you to find out why your child is not in school.

### Medical Appointments

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours, as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance. We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However, if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure.

Thank you for your support in helping to raise our school attendance. If you would like any support or advice on attendance or punctuality, please speak to Mr Reynolds.

## **Parents Evening appointments – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March & Tue 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents Evening appointments are available to book for the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please book via the school website. You can find the booking form under "Parent News" – "Parent Consultations"

You can also follow this link:

[Northbourne CE Primary School - Parent Consultations \(northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk\)](http://northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk)



## **Friends Of Northbourne – Easter Competition!**



Everybody is encouraged to enter the FON's Easter competition. You have until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March to decorate an egg. Please do not bring your entry to school until the 27<sup>th</sup>.

£1 entry, all funds raised go directly to the Friends Of Northbourne to help fund pupil activities and additional costs throughout the year at Northbourne.

## **Let's Go Escargot! – holiday club**

Madame Audrey, who runs our weekly after school French club, is now offering holiday club provision. Please see the flyer below for details. It is open to all children (not exclusively Northbourne pupils) for £35/day including lunch. This club will need to be booked and paid for via Madame Audrey, not school.



**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





AND THE  
WINNER IS...

Learning Warrior  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Willow – Ivy  
Beech – Miles  
Maple – Vienna  
Hazel – Christian  
Oak – Florence  
Head Boy Award – Sebastian  
Head Girl Award – Lily  
Attendance Ted – Willow  
Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech  
& Hazel

Dear God,

Thank you for the beautiful world you have given us. We are very grateful you sent Jesus, your only son, down to Earth to forgive our sins. Help us to remember the Easter story as we go through the period of lent. Thank you for everything you have done for us. We ask you to forgive our sins and help us when we need guidance.

In the name of God the Father, Jesus the son  
and the holy spirit,

Amen



By Hanako  
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