

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Willow Class keeping warm at Forest School

Willow class found a great way to keep warm out at Forest School this morning.....making and enjoying soup!



The children all learnt how to safely peel potatoes and carrots and then how to cut and chop the vegetables, wearing safety gloves. The veg then went into the Dutch Oven, over the open fire, and was cooked with some peas and stock. Willow class were then able to sit around the fire and enjoy a cup of their homemade soup.

A perfect winter warmer for a cold February morning!



Pupil Voice leaders working across DEALT

Four of our Year 5 and Year 6 Pupil Voice leaders gathered at Sandown School this morning for a meeting of DEALT Pupil Voice representatives. These pupils play a key role in deciding the strategic direction of collaboration across our 8 trust schools.

Today's meeting focused on "What does great learning look like?" The pupils from across the DEALT schools discussed what makes a great lesson and what results in enjoyable and effective learning. The next stage of this project will take our Pupil Voice representatives into each others schools to see the teaching and learning in action for themselves.



Well done to Zach, Lyra, Florence and Elsie for representing Northbourne so professionally!

Mid-Year reports and Parents Evening

Next week your child will bring home their mid-year report. This report is intended to be a very brief summary of your child's year so far as a learner at Northbourne. It will provide you with some key targets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, along with an overview of their class' learning journey so far this year.

If your child is in Years 1 to 6 then you will also find enclosed a pupil voice sheet from them, explaining what they are most proud of so far this year, as well as what they would like to get better at across the remaining terms. Please do take the time to discuss this with your child.

Parents Evening Consultations will take place on Mon 13th & Tue 14th March. You will be able to book online via the school website from next week –

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

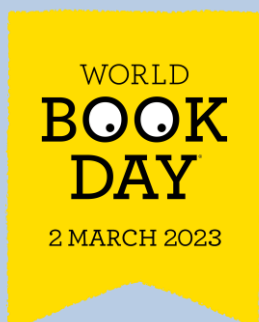
Booking for the upcoming parents evenings will open from next week. We will message you to let you know once the booking site has gone live. You will be able to book a parents evening appointment for either Mon 13th or Tue 14th March, where your child's teacher will be able to elaborate on the mid-year report and discuss your child's age-appropriate progress in Reading, Writing and Maths, as well as other areas of their school life and learning.

Teaching union – Strike action on Thursday 2nd March

As I am sure you are aware, the NEU teaching union has announced they intend to strike on Thursday 2nd March. 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 Thursday 2nd March. Please check your email for a letter or contact Mrs Berridge in the school office if you have not received an email.

World Book Day - Friday 3rd March



Next week is World Book Day. The official day is Thursday 2nd March, however, as this clashes with teaching union strike action, we have moved our World Book Day to Friday 3rd March.

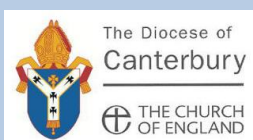
This year we will be holding a few events on the day:

- **Storytelling morning**

On the morning of Friday 3rd February, the children will have a menu of stories to choose from. They will then head off to a location around school to listen to their chosen story being read by a member of staff.

- **Share a favourite book**

The children are all invited to bring in a favourite book for the day. In class the children will have the chance to share their favourite book with their friends and teacher.

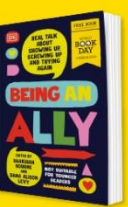
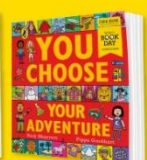
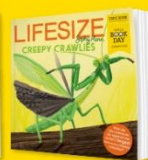
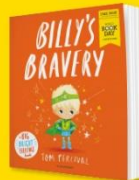


- **The big book takeaway!**

Following last year's Big Book Swap, we still have a large amount of texts that are no longer in use in our library or classrooms. Therefore, the children will have the chance to browse and take home from a selection of some of our older school books. They may not be the newest books on the market, but the children are sure to find something that catches their eye.

The children will also receive their £1 World Book Day voucher, which can be exchanged in book shops for any of this year's special World Book Day £1 books (see below) or alternatively can be used to get £1 off the price of any other book.

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- **Design a National Book Token competition**

Children may also like to enter the competition to design a National Book Token. This is an annual nationwide contest that encourages children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards!

To take part, visit: [Design a National Book Token Competition - World Book Day](https://www.worldbookday.co.uk/design-a-national-book-token-competition) in order to download a template and start designing a brand new National Book Tokens gift card – something that would really jump out at booklovers from the till point of their favourite bookshop!



NATIONAL BOOK tokens

This year the theme of the competition is '**Choosing to read**'. Children can interpret this any way they like to celebrate and communicate the joy that comes from choosing to read, as well as choosing which books to read.



Learning Warrior
24th February 2023

Willow – Austin
Beech – Charlie
Maple – George M
Hazel – Kitty
Oak – Esme
Head Boy Award – Peter
Head Girl Award – Charlotte B
Attendance Ted – Maple
Punctuality Pup – Willow & Oak

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

Friday 23rd June
Monday 26th June

INSET DAYS 2023 – 2024

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

