

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Attendance and Term Time Holidays**

At this time of year, we see some families informing school of pupil absence for holidays or days out in term time. Whilst we are always appreciative of your honesty and communication with the school, especially when your child is going to be absent, we would like to remind you that all holidays will be unauthorised.



Unauthorised absences will negatively affect your child's attendance data and can impact their learning and progress in school. Missing just one day of school sets pupils back in the learning journey for that week that their teacher has carefully planned for them.

I would like to encourage our school community to always communicate with us when considering taking pupils out of school for a holiday or day out. It is important to note that parents can be fined, under Kent County Council, for taking holidays during term time. Our school attendance is monitored by Kent and absences are noted by the authority.

As Headteacher, I can only authorise a leave of absence to a pupil during term time if it qualifies as 'exceptional circumstances'. Please do come and speak to me if you need any support or clarification with this. Thank you for your continued support.

**Year 5 & 6 Perform in the Bold As Band!**

24 of our Year 5 and 6 cornet players went to St George's Church in Deal on Thursday this week to perform in a concert with White Cliffs Symphonic Winds. They were playing pieces they have been learning in their cornet lessons and with Phil White, from Bold As: An improvisation on C Major, a piece which they sang and played as a round and the finale was the theme tune to Rocky!

The children played with other schools from Deal and Dover, along with White Cliffs Symphonic Winds. They played brilliantly and represented the school wonderfully - all through the rehearsal and the concert. It was a fantastic opportunity for our children to perform to a live audience, with other musicians - and for them to hear live music as part of a concert. We hope this will inspire them to continue to play in the future!



## Continued Site Changes & Alternative Drop off and Pick up Arrangements

Work has continued all week on dismantling the old mobile and boot room. This has now been removed, however, as you can see from the photograph, there is still much to do to make the site safe for pupils and parents to walk past.



Therefore, we will continue on Monday with using the hall door as an entrance and exit at the start and end of the school day. Drop off point remains unchanged.

## Summer Fair – volunteers needed! & Non Uniform day Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – bring a bottle!



The school summer fair, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, will soon be upon us. To help the Friends Of Northbourne get organised, ready for the big day, we will be asking for any volunteers who could kindly run a stall or game.

If you would like to volunteer please make yourself known to either Mrs Berridge in the school office, or speak to one of the Friends of Northbourne. Thank you in advance, for your help in making our summer fair a success!

Please note that **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June will be a non-uniform day**. Please can we ask our families to **send into school a bottle for the raffle stall**. Thank you!

## Important dates for the Summer Term

### **INSET Days**

Please remember that there are two INSET days coming up, where school is closed to pupils. These two INSET days are: **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June & Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

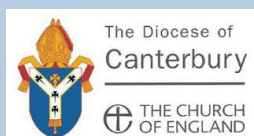
### **Sports Day & Family picnic lunch**

Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**.

As in previous years, parents are invited to come onto the school field directly after morning drop off and find a spot on one of our benches or the grass. The children will then come out after registration to compete in Sports Day.

Following the action the pupils will be able to join you for a family picnic. All pupils will be able to order a grab bag lunch from the school kitchen or you are free to bring picnic food for them to enjoy.

After the picnic lunch parents are welcome to take their children home early. If you cannot attend the picnic or are not able to take your child home early, or if your child is due to attend Wrap Around, then pupils will remain in school with staff until the normal end of the school day.



## Art Day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

This coming Wednesday the whole school will be taking part in Art Day at Northbourne!



The focus for this day is “Portrait artists”. The children will be learning about artists from different backgrounds, countries, time periods and ethnicities. Throughout the day each class will have a chosen artist to learn about and study as well as the chance to use their own artistic skills, and techniques learnt, to create their own self portrait.

We are all looking forward to celebrating diverse artists from across the world, and cannot wait to see the self portraits that the children, and staff, create!

## Year 6 Bikeability

Next week our Year 6 pupils will complete their Bikeability training.

This essential course teaches our eldest pupils how to ride safely on the roads. They will complete a day of training, which will include sessions on the school playground focusing on bike control and safe cycling basics, before heading out onto the lanes around school to put their training into practice.

Good luck to our Year 6 cyclists!

## Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 12.06.23

**Willow**  
**90%**

**Beech**  
**96.1%**

**Maple**  
**92%**

**Hazel**  
**97%**

**Oak**  
**97.5%**

**Whole school**  
**cumulative this**  
**year**  
**95.18%**

**↑** 0.01% from last  
week

### Learning Warrior 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Willow – Hester  
Beech – Maisie  
Maple – Faith  
Hazel – Merida  
Oak – Elena  
Head Boy Award – Aston  
Head Girl Award – Ted  
Attendance Ted – Oak  
Punctuality Pup – Beech

**AND THE**  
**WINNER IS...**



Austin Willow Class June  
2023

Dear God

Thank you for the flowers that  
come out in Spring and Summer and  
thank you for all my friends that  
play with me.

Amen.

