



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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CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS C. WINSLADE

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

Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Summer Fair – see you tomorrow!



Summer Reading Challenge!



The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge, **Ready, Set, Read!**

The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 is a celebration of reading, sport, games and play.

Children can [visit the library](#) to take part, or visit the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#) to take part digitally.

The Summer Reading Challenge runs in Kent from Saturday 8 July to Saturday 9 September and aims to keep children reading over the summer.

The challenge is to read 6 books, eBooks, eAudio or eMagazines. All children receive a certificate and a medal once they've completed their challenge.

Courageous Advocates Club Celebrate 75 Years of the NHS

The pupils at our Courageous Advocates club have been learning about this week's milestone of 75 years of the NHS. The children reflected on all the help and support they, or family and friends, have received from our NHS and produced some fantastic birthday cards for the health service!



Sports Day



Thank you to all of our parents, family and friends for coming along to support the children in their sports day this week.

It was wonderful for us to be able to share the morning with you all, celebrating the pupils' efforts and achievements and have the chance to meet, and socialise, as a school community. And weren't we lucky with the weather!

Congratulations to all the pupils in St Patricks for winning the sports day trophy, a great collective effort!

Small Schools' Football Tournament

On Monday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 children formed a school football team and went to Worth for a small schools' football tournament. They were joined by teams from Worth and Sholden and each school played each other in a 7 a side match. It was a great sporting afternoon and our team played admirably, winning their first match, losing their second and coming second overall. Well done to Zach, Lyra, Tristan, Monty, Sam, Esme, Jude, Tabitha and Jakob for their super teamwork!



Summer Cup

On Tuesday, we sent a team of athletes to the Summer Cup, an annual athletic tournament between Deal and district schools. The teams are made up of two children from each year group who all compete in 3 different races each - culminating in a relay for everyone at the end. The events this year were: skipping race, flat race (sprints), standing long jump, bean bag or Vortex throw, hurdles and an obstacle race. Our children represented the school wonderfully and were brilliant athletes! We came 6th overall - a huge well done to: Kaylen, Hester, Louie, Natalie, Inigo, Lotta, George O'B, Sophie T, Thomas G, Merida, Harrison, Emily W, Elena and Zach.

End of term arrangements – Friday 21st July - collect from 1pm



On Friday 21st July you may choose to collect your child early, starting from 1.00pm, should you wish. If you are collecting early, please line up as normal in the school driveway and your child will be collected from their classroom and brought out to you via the hall doors. You can collect anytime from 1.00pm. School will remain open until 3.00pm as usual for those who cannot, or do not want to, be collected early. The KCC minibus will run at the normal time.

First Aid – please let us know any updates

Any medication held at school for your child must be collected by the last day of term.

Last week we emailed out a medical records update form, please let Mrs Berridge know if there are any changes to your child's medical records (e.g. changes to allergies, hayfever, asthma, etc)

Year 6 Activity Week

Last week, our Year 6 pupils had their activity week to celebrate the end of their time at Northbourne. They had a fantastic week, represented the school superbly on all our visits and pushed themselves to complete challenges at different stages during the week.

They went on Snow Rings, played footgolf and tested their nerves on the Skywalk, an outdoor adventure with twenty climbing elements suspended 20ft in the air! They went to Betteshanger and played Battle Blasters, completed Boonies Obstacle course and did some orienteering. They went to Samphire Hoe, in the rain, and went rock pooling - finding amazing crabs and shrimps and even some small fish! Clip n' Climb was very challenging and they completed team building activities while they were there, then went Ten Pin Bowling. The week ended with a BBQ at school followed by a camp fire in Forest School - with delicious smores, and finally camping overnight on the school field, where some sleep was had, but not very much! Well done to all our Year 6 children on a fabulous week!



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 03.07.23 (not including Friday 7th strike day)

Willow
98.8%

Beech
96.2%

Maple
90.8%

Hazel
96.7%

Oak
90.2%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year
95.14%**

↓ 0.04% from last
week

THE BIG QUESTION:

*How are you feeling about your new class
in September?*

