



"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."
(Matthew: 17 v20)

HEADTEACHER: MR M. REYNOLDS

SENCO: MRS K. MORRISON

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS C. WINSLADE

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

8th September 2023

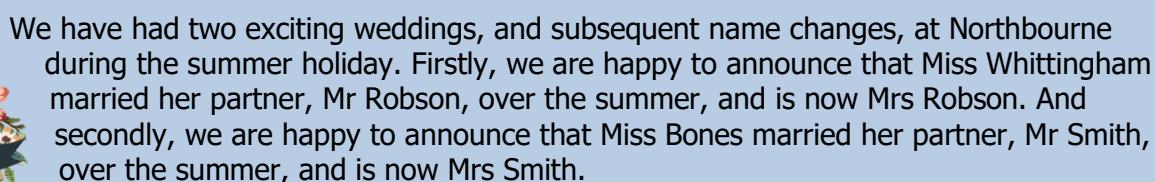
Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our new Reception pupils and their families!

The whole school community would like to extend a special Northbourne welcome to all of our new Reception class pupils and their families! We are thrilled to welcome you all to Northbourne and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. We hope you have a fantastic start to your school life here!



Weddings and name changes!



I am sure you will join me in congratulating both couples and wishing them the very best. We pray for happiness and blessings as they begin their married life together.

Welcome to Miss Ruiz

We would also like to welcome Miss Ruiz to our Northbourne staff team. Miss Ruiz joins us in Willow class, working alongside Miss Bradley and Miss Davies. Previously Miss Ruiz has worked in primary schools in Folkestone. We are thrilled to welcome her to our Northbourne community.

Parents Evening – Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October

Our first Parents Evenings of the year will take place after school on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October. Please make a note of these dates. These are valuable opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss learning and progress. We hope you will all be able to attend. The online booking system for these dates will open later in the term. We will let you know when and how to book.

Parents Evening



Head Pupils and House Captains

Our Year 6 pupils have been invited to apply for the roles of Head Pupils. The role of Head Pupil is an important position of responsibility in our school. They are positions of leadership, both amongst the pupils and the staff at Northbourne. Responsibilities range from; taking on leadership roles at school events, presenting awards in collective worship, leading by example at all times, working with the Pupil Voice leaders on school improvement, and much more. We look forward to reading the letters of application from the Year 6 applicants!



Following the appointment of our new Head Pupils we will then be inviting our Year 6 pupils to apply to take on the role of House Captain and Vice House Captain, to lead our 4 school houses: St Andrew's, St David's, St George's and St Patrick's. These positions are voted for by the pupils in each of the houses. We look forward to encouraging our pupils to take part in this process, celebrating the core British value of democracy.



We will update you with the names of our new Head Pupils and House Captains over the coming weeks.

PE and Forest School

Please note your child's PE and Forest School day:

PE days (Pupils to come to school in PE kit for the day):

Monday – Willow class Yr R and Oak class Yr 5&6

Tuesday – Hazel class Yr 4&5

Wednesday – Maple class Yr 2&3

Friday – Beech class Yr 1&2

Forest School days (Pupils to bring Forest School kit to change into):

Monday – Beech class Yr 1&2

Tuesday – Maple class Yr 2&3

Wednesday – Hazel class Yr 4&5

Thursday – Oak class Yr 5&6

Friday – Willow class Yr R (*Yr R pupils can wear Forest School kit to school and have uniform ready to change into after their session.*)

Forest School will continue in the same way as last year, half the class will spend the afternoon with Mr Chidwick and the other half with the class teacher. The class teacher will focus on Outdoor Adventurous Activities, caring for the school grounds and also some small group curriculum sessions in the classroom, such as Art, DT or Computing. The two groups will rotate every half term. Willow class will not split into two groups, they will stay together with Mr Chidwick and Miss Bradley.

Improving traffic at pick-up time – Suggested one-way system

As you know, the lanes do get very congested around school pick up time and passing can be tricky. In order to ease the congestion and keep the traffic flowing smoothly, we would like to remind you of our suggested one-way system that we have promoted in previous years.

This suggestion asks that all parents leaving school turn left and exit via the lane that runs diagonally downhill, across the field. This brings you out on the Straight Mile, where you can turn right to head back towards Deal.

We kindly ask our parental community to consider this to help ease the head-on congestion in the lanes. Please see below our suggested arrival and exit routes for school pick-up:



Please park as considerately and as carefully as you can in the school car park. It does get extremely busy and it is not large enough for the whole school community. This means you may find yourself blocked in for a few minutes, or unable to park immediately upon arrival. We appreciate your understanding and patience with this.



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

Friday 1st September
Monday 30th October
Tuesday 2nd January
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July