



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

15th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Invictus athlete visiting Northbourne!

We're very excited to be welcoming athlete Darran Challis to the school on Thursday 28, September 2023 with Sports for Schools!



Darran is an Invictus Competitor and competed at the 2016 Games in Cycling and Swimming. He sustained spinal, leg and pelvis injuries when he was on active duty in the Army after 26 years of service. His next goal is to be selected for Team GB for the Ironman distance.

Darran will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, followed by a motivational assembly and Q & A session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life. We are encouraging the children to fully participate in this event and they have all been given a sponsor form, which they brought home this week. Please do consider sponsoring your child to complete the activities and raise money for sporting equipment and activities in school, a percentage of the money raised will also go to the charity Sports for Schools to enable them to continue with their work in schools.



Thank you for your support and we look forward to the children meeting Darran and being inspired by him!

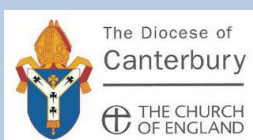
Harvest Festival service at St Augustine's church



The pupils' first celebration service of the year is fast approaching. On Friday 6th October the pupils and staff will walk down to St Augustine's church for a short Harvest service. Unfortunately, due to the limited seating inside the church, on this occasion we are unable to invite parents to join us. However, we are very excited to be taking our new Reception pupils on their first visit to the church!

At the Harvest service we invite all the pupils to carry a tin of food or a packet of food down to the church, to add to their Harvest donations. The food is then taken on our behalf to either the Emmaus homeless charity in Dover or to the local foodbank.

We will remind you of the details of the Harvest service, including food donations, closer to the time.



Willow class enjoying their new Toniebox

This week Willow Class received a very exciting package. A new Toniebox! The children have all been excited to use it and listen to the stories and songs. We have received a few characters to start off our collection, but if anyone has any Toniebox figures that they no longer use, Willow Class would be incredibly grateful if you could donate them to our Toniebox library.



Respecting the local woodland

We have received a polite request from the local landowners to remind our school community that the woodland surrounding our car park is private land. They would appreciate members of the public not using the woodland for walking their dogs, etc. Thank you for your understanding and respect for our neighbours.

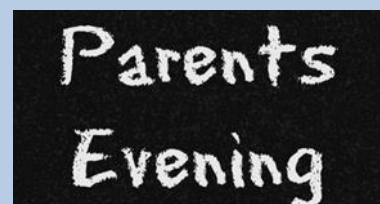
Allergies

Just to remind you all that we do have pupils and staff at school with nut allergies, therefore, we must ask that no products containing nuts be sent in to school. This includes **peanut butter sandwiches in lunch boxes**. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

We do have other significant allergies in school, such as egg, gluten, dairy, environmental, which we carefully manage. If your child has an allergy that you feel we need to be aware of, please do speak to Mrs Berridge in the school office.

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.



House Captains



We will 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 House Captains over the coming weeks.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl will be announced next Friday in Collective Worship. Staff and Governors are still reading the fabulous application letters from the pupils, and we want to ensure that all adults in school have the opportunity to review and vote, to make it a fair democratic process.

Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 11.09.23.

Willow
96%

Beech
99%

Maple
95%

Hazel
100%

Oak
99%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year
97.9%**



Learning Warrior 15th September 2023

Beech – Riley
Maple – Olivia
Hazel – Edward
Oak – Rose
Attendance Ted – Hazel
Punctuality Pup – Hazel



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