



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)

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

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Flu vaccinations – Available to all year groups – Next week, Tuesday 26th September



ACTION REQUIRED

The Kent Community Health nurses will be in school next week, on Tuesday 26th September to administer the flu nasal vaccine to our children from Reception through to Year 6. The vaccination is a quick and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have it again this year. There is no charge for the vaccine.

Please complete the online form before 25/09/2023 to either **consent or decline** the vaccination at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

Please submit **either a YES consent or a NO consent** as the NHS will continue to invite your child to be vaccinated unless they hear from you.

Health For Kids have produced a short animation for you to show your child. Please visit [Stopping Flu | Staying Healthy | Health for Kids](#) to watch the video and for more information for your child.

Friends of Northbourne (FON)

Our school PTA group, the Friends of Northbourne, will be holding their annual general meeting on **Thursday 12th October** at 2.15pm at the school.

We would like to encourage anyone to come along to the meeting and to get involved with supporting the fundraising and events that the FON organise throughout the year.

With the Christmas Fair a little over two months away, now is a great time for new volunteers to join! Even if you only have a small amount of free time to commit, we would love to see you at the meeting.

If you would like further information, or would like to get in touch with the FON, please contact Mrs Berridge in the school office.

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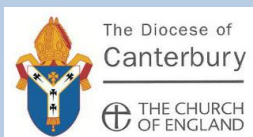
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 12th October 2:15pm

Everyone is welcome! Join us and find out
what we achieved last year and our
exciting plans for the year ahead!

Come along, enjoy some refreshments and
ask any questions you may have about
the FON.





Sickness reminder



Please note that if your child becomes poorly with either sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea then they should not attend school for 48 hours following their last bout.

This is the NHS guidance that we follow, in order to reduce the chances of other pupils, parents or staff catching any germs and falling ill. Thank you for your support with this. Further details can be found in the policies section of our website, under: "Parent guide to short term illness."

Head Pupils 2023/2024

Congratulations to Isabella Wilmshurst and Jakob Ransley for being voted-in as our two Head Pupils for this academic year!

Our Year 6 pupils have a number of responsibilities throughout their final year at Northbourne, and taking up the role of Head Pupil is an incredibly important job. The two Head Pupils work alongside Mr Reynolds and the staff, they present much valued certificates to pupils in Friday assemblies, they celebrate other pupils' outstanding behaviour and celebrate the school values wherever they are shown. The Head Pupils also play a part in welcoming visitors to our school and being fantastic role models to everyone in our community.



Congratulations to Isabella and Jakob, and also a huge thank you to all the Year 6 pupils who wrote letters of application. The staff loved reading your letters and we appreciate your resilience and pride in wishing to represent your school.

House Captains 2023/2024



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 next week.

Invictus athlete visiting Northbourne!



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

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.

Remember, the pupils have all been given a sponsor form, which they brought home last 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!

Reminder – Private parking spaces outside school & Car Park repair update

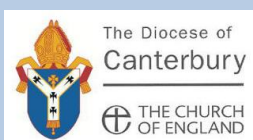


Please remember that the car parking spaces against the fence, directly at the end of our school driveway are private parking spaces that belong to the cottage next door. We would like to remind all of our parents and visitors to be respectful of this and refrain from parking there.

The ever-growing pot holes in the car park are due to be filled and levelled later this term. In the meantime, please do drive very slowly and carefully through the car park

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.



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 11.09.23.

Willow
98%

Beech
93%

Maple
96%

Hazel
96%

Oak
94%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year
96.9%**

Learning Warrior 22nd September 2023

Beech – Fred B
Maple – Inigo
Hazel – Ted
Oak – Drew
Attendance Ted – Willow
Punctuality Pup – Willow,
Beech, Hazel

**AND THE
WINNER IS...**

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