

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Football Tournament at Northbourne Park School**

Match report by Elsie and Phoebe



On Tuesday, the Northbourne football team went to Northbourne Park School to play in a football tournament, to play against 13 other schools. In the first match, we were all feeling nervous about the tough competition we were facing, although we powered on through this match to the second match, where Jack scored an amazing goal and we won - which boosted our confidence.

After that, we kept being resilient and yes, we played a few hard matches (some of them were very close however) but we didn't lose hope and kept going on to the end. We grew as a team and we're looking forward to playing more matches soon!

We are very proud of our footballers, who represented the school so well and showed our values in each match they played. Well done to Jakob, Alfie, Elsie, Jack, Phoebe, Frank, Ted, Delilah and Drew.

**Winter clothing for Forest School – be prepared**

After enjoying an unusually warm and dry September and October, the weather is now set to change. Our pupils still go outside at breaktimes and lunchtimes and also continue with Forest School, despite the weather, so please plan what clothing the children will need in advance.

During Term 2 it will become noticeably colder out at Forest School. Please can we ask parents to help their children be ready for Forest School in Term 2 by bringing in additional layers, hats and gloves, ready to face Forest School during the autumn and winter months to come.

## Whole School Meals – New menu

Please note that the new menu from Whole School Meals starts after Half Term. You can see the new menu below. Gluten free and Dairy free will be catered for.

		Menu November 2023 - February 2024		
		Week One 30th Oct, 20th Nov, 1st Jan, 22nd Jan	Week Two 6th Nov, 27th Nov, 8th Jan, 29th Jan	Week Three 4th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb
		11th December Christmas Week (tbc)		
Monday	Option 1	Cheesy Pasta	Pizza Pinwheel	Home-made Pizza
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Pasta Provencale	Vegetable Pasta Bake
	served with	Garlic Flatbread Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Wedges Baked Beans & Peas	1/2 Jacket Potato Peas & Baked Beans
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Tuesday	Option 1	Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Breaded Chicken Steak
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Wrap	Veggie Pie & Gravy	*Cheese Puff
	served with	Rice Carrots & Peas	Creamed Potatoes Broccoli & Mixed Veg	Herby Diced Potatoes Mixed Salad
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy	Roast Pork
	Option 2	Winter Vegetable & Potato Bake	Quorn Sausage with yorkshire pud	*Veggie Meatloaf & Gravy
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Thursday	Option 1	Burger in a Bun	Bolognese	Meatball Sub
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage	Veggie Bolognese	Meatless Sub
	served with	Wedges Cucumber & Coleslaw	Pasta Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Cucumber & Peas
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
 Suitable for Vegetarians   Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians   Contains Fish	Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
		All items are subject to availability  Bread, Salad and fresh drinking water are available with every meal  All vegetarian dishes with * can be made suitable for vegans  <a href="http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk">www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk</a>		
		Whole School Meals CIC – Company Number: 5721609 – Registered address: Almond House, Belteshanger Road, Belteshanger, Deal CT14 0EN		

## **Attendance – Top marks for Northbourne!**

Thank you to all of our families for making every effort to get up to Northbourne each day. We appreciate that many of our families have to make the extra effort of driving up to school, rather than walking around the corner to a more local school. This makes it even more impressive to tell you that Northbourne had the **best attendance figures for Term 1 of all of the DEALT schools!** This is wonderful news!



**Term 1 Attendance: 97.3%** as of Term 1 Week 6  
**Authorised absence: 2.2%** (e.g. illness)  
**Unauthorised absence: 0.5%** (e.g. term time holidays)

Attendance is monitored very closely by schools, Kent and OFSTED, and we all recognise that daily attendance and punctuality is vital for our children to progress with their learning and development.

Please do continue to prioritise your child's attendance and punctuality, and let's see if we can keep our attendance above 97% throughout Term 2.

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## **Half Term – end of term arrangements – start of Term 2 date**

Next week is the final week of Term 1. School finishes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at normal time, we do not finish early for Half Term holidays. After school clubs run as normal throughout next week, including Friday.

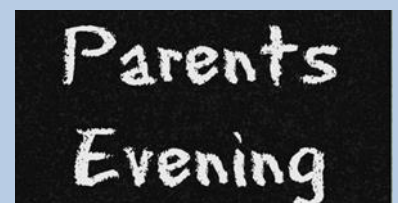
The October half term is w/b 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

The pupils return for Term 2 on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> November. The teachers have a training day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, so school will be closed.

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## **Parents Evening – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Our first Parents Evenings of the year will take place after school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 is now open via the school website.



[Northbourne CE Primary School - Home \(northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk\)](http://northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk)

Click on the "Parent News" tab and then the Parent Consultations option.

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## **Attendance Update**

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 09.10.23.

**Willow**  
**100%**

**Beech**  
**98%**

**Maple**  
**99%**

**Hazel**  
**97%**

**Oak**  
**98%**

**Whole school  
cumulative this  
year  
97.3%**

### **Learning Warrior** **13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Beech – Maisie

Maple – Alfie

Hazel – Ronnie

Oak – Elsie

Head girl award – Charlotte W

Head boy award – Phoebe

Attendance Ted – Willow Class

Punctuality Pup – Willow Class,  
Beech Class, Hazel Class

**AND THE  
WINNER IS...**

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July