

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Start of Term 2 - Welcome back to school

Welcome back to Northbourne for the start of Term 2. We hope you enjoyed a restful half term break? The pupils certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves. It has been lovely hearing all about their activities, days out and holidays.



Storm Ciaran

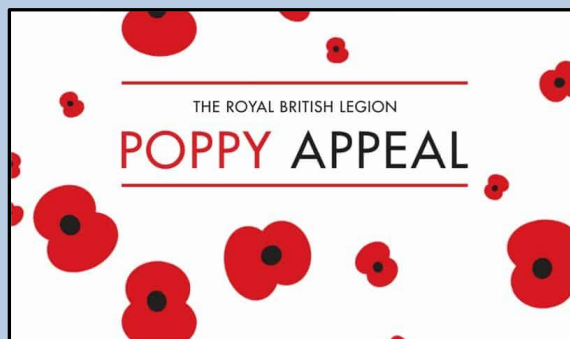
Thank you to everybody for taking care and being cautious when travelling to school on Thursday morning during Storm Ciaran. We appreciate that it was very challenging to get up to school in such weather, and we understand that it was not possible for some of our families due to trees across the road and treacherous driving conditions. Thankfully, there was no damage to the school site during the storm.

Martha Trust Christmas colouring competition



The children will have brought home a Christmas colouring scene to complete for entry into the Martha Trust Christmas colouring competition. Please encourage your child to complete this activity at home. If you wish to enter the competition, completed entries can be posted in Santa's letterbox at the Martha Trust Christmas Fayre on Sat 25th November at Sandwich Guildhall. The competition will be judged by the Mayor of Sandwich. Good luck!

Poppy Appeal – Remembrance at Northbourne



As Armistice Day falls on a Saturday this year, the school community will gather together at 11am on Friday 10th for a Remembrance Collective Worship, in order to mark Armistice Day. Poppies and assorted stationery are currently on sale at school. If your child wishes to donate to the appeal and receive a poppy and a piece of stationery, please send them into school with their donations.

Northbourne will be represented at the Remembrance Service at Eastry church on Remembrance Sunday, where a poppy cross will be laid on behalf of our school community.

Term 2 Diary Dates

Please find below some diary dates for upcoming events taking place in Term 2.

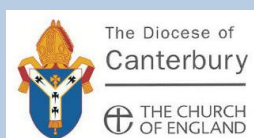
- Fri 17th Nov – **Children In Need – SPOTacular non-uniform day** – Voluntary contributions will be made via Teachers2Parents app
- Fri 24th Nov – **Christmas CRAFTERNOON** – You are very welcome to join your child in their classroom from 1.30pm on the afternoon of Friday 24th November for some Christmas craft. This is a relaxed afternoon where parents are invited to join their child and help to create some craft together. You are welcome to drop in for 10 minutes or stay for the whole afternoon. We hope you will be able to join us.
- Tue 5th Dec, Wed 6th Dec - **Nativity** – performed by all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:

Performance 1: Tuesday 5th Dec 2pm

Performance 2: Wednesday 6th Dec 2pm

Both performances are the same. We will communicate directly with parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children with further details.

- Fri 8th Dec – **Elf Day (National Alzheimers Society)** – Christmas dress up day in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Pupils and staff to come into school either dressed as an Elf, or wearing any other Christmas themed clothing. Enter into the spirit, wear something bright, fun and festive and help us to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. Voluntary contributions will be made via Teachers2Parents app
- Fri 8th Dec – **Christmas Fair** – The Friends of Northbourne Christmas Fair - 2pm – 4pm
Information about donations, volunteers, events, to follow.
- Mon 11th Dec - **Christmas Story Time!** – A special storytelling morning for the pupils, with staff celebrating and sharing some favourite Christmas stories.
- Tue 12th Dec **Christmas Singing** – Join us on Tuesday afternoon in the hall 2.15pm. The whole school will be singing through the Christmas songs that they have learnt this year with Miss Cooper. Everybody welcome for mince pies and hot drinks.
- Wed 13th Dec - **Christmas lunch / Christmas jumper day (Save The Children)** – Whole School Meals Christmas lunch day, wear a Christmas Jumper for Save The Children, voluntary contributions will be made via Teachers2Parents app
- Thurs 14th Dec - **Christingle at St Augustine's Church** – 10am, pupils in Year 3 to Year 6. Parents welcome to join us at St Augustine's church at 10am for a traditional Christingle service.
- Fri 15th Dec – **Last day of Term 2** – On the last day of Term 2 we offer early collection, anytime from 1.00pm. Please note, school remains open until normal pick up time for those who cannot, or would rather not, be collected early.
- Wed 3rd Jan - **Start of Term 3**



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 31.10.23.

Willow
99%

Beech
100%

Maple
97%

Hazel
98%

Oak
94%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year
97.2%**

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

Tuesday 2nd January
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July

Learning Warrior
3rd November, 2023

Willow – Juniper
Beech – Hester
Maple – Lily
Hazel – Harvey
Oak – Phoebe
Head Boy Award – Bradley
Head Girl Award – Vienna
Attendance Ted – Beech
Punctuality Pup – Beech