



# 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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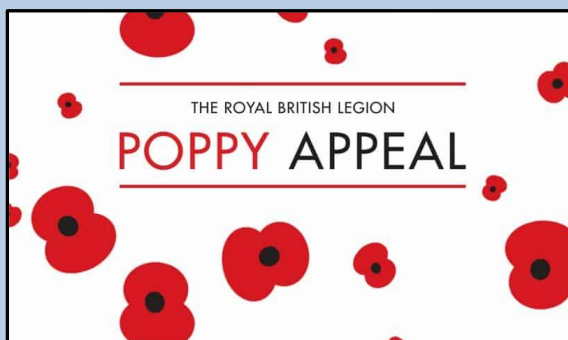
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Phone lines and Internet at school**

I am pleased to report that the phone lines and the internet are finally back up and running at school. Thank you for your understanding and support throughout this week.

## **Poppy Appeal – Remembrance at Northbourne**



As Armistice Day falls on a Saturday this year, the school community gathered today at 11am for a Remembrance Collective Worship, in order to mark Armistice Day. The children were incredibly respectful throughout our gathering of remembrance. Thank you to Mr Martin for leading our remembrance collective worship.

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.

## **Year 6 Trip to Canterbury Cathedral**

On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils visited Canterbury Cathedral to take part in their annual "Cathedral day". Our children joined over 300 Year 6 children from around Kent for the day. They participated in different workshops - which included a reflection on the story of "Jesus at the Temple" from Matthew's gospel; learning how to be a stonemason, chiselling their initials in stone and learning and singing a song.



In the afternoon, we had a service in the Cathedral, led by children from different schools in Kent. Jakob and Isabella proudly carried our school banner in a procession at the beginning and end of the service and the children who sang in the workshop earlier, performed the song they had learnt to all the schools there. They can now say they have sung in Canterbury Cathedral! Our Year 6 children represented the school wonderfully and were a credit to the school and themselves.

## Maths Week England 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November at Northbourne!

Next week, is Maths Week England and we are going to be taking part! Times Tables Rock Stars is running an "England Rocks" tournament from 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November. We would love our children to take part by playing lots of different games on TTRS and getting points for Northbourne!

A letter with further details will be sent out on Monday. At the end of the week, we are having a Maths Problem Solving Morning on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. As part of their Maths learning that morning, the children will be looking at different Maths problems and how they can solve them - possibly in more than one way! We are looking forward to seeing how the children face their Maths challenges next week, using our school values to help them.



## Sports for Schools – Thank you!

Today, the children have brought home their wristbands and posters which they received after collecting sponsorship money for our Sports for Schools activity with Nerys Pearce. The children raised an incredible amount, part of which will go to Sports for Schools, encouraging other children in their sporting activities, but most of which will be used on sporting equipment here at school. **We now have over £2000 to spend on new sports equipment** for the school. This is a significant effort by our school community!

We are very grateful to everyone who took part and raised funding for us - Thank you to all of our families and all who donated!

## Message from the Friends Of Northbourne - Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching and the Friends Of Northbourne elves have been busy behind the scenes, but now we need your help!

We are looking for volunteers who would be able to run a stall on the day of the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help then please see Mrs Berridge and add your name to our volunteer list.

We already have some fantastic prizes for our raffle but if you or someone you know works for a local company that may be able to donate a raffle prize then please get in touch!

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December will be a non-uniform day at school. We will be asking for each child to bring in a prize to be added to the fair. We will send out more details about this nearer the time.

## Term 2 Diary Dates

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

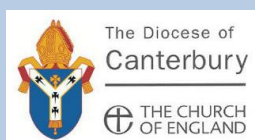
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – **Children In Need – SPOTacular non-uniform day** – Voluntary contributions will be made via Teachers2Parents app
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – **Christmas CRAFTERNOON** – You are very welcome to join your child in their classroom from 1.30pm on the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – **Non-Uniform Day for Friends Of Northbourne** – Bring in a prize for the Christmas Fair. Details to follow soon.
- Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - **Nativity** – performed by all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:

Performance 1: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm

Performance 2: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – **Christmas Fair** – The Friends of Northbourne Christmas Fair - 2pm – 4pm  
Information about donations, volunteers, events, to follow.
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - **Christmas Story Time!** – A special storytelling morning for the pupils, with staff celebrating and sharing some favourite Christmas stories.
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.





Dear God

Please bring our world peace, help us be better humans, stop those who are trying to harm our planet and people. War is hate, it is destroying peoples homes, hurting innocent people and children. Please help bring us together with love, peace and respect.

I pray for the people who are hungry, please make sure that the hungry people are fed and have clean water to drink. I hope humanity can help those in need. Please help us shelter the homeless and keep them warm.

Please help keep our world clean and safe, help us to look after our beautiful nature and wildlife around us and protect it.

Amen

Giana Arigaj  
Maple class

## **Attendance Update**

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 06.11.23

**Willow**  
**96%**

**Beech**  
**95%**

**Maple**  
**97%**

**Hazel**  
**99%**

**Oak**  
**99%**

**Whole school  
cumulative this  
year  
97.1%**

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Learning Warrior** **10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

Willow – Silas  
Beech – Quinn  
Maple – Rupert  
Hazel – Jasper  
Oak – Amber  
Head Boy Award – Rowan  
Head Girl Award – Ivy  
Attendance Ted – Oak and Hazel  
Class  
Punctuality Pup – Oak Class