



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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CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS C. WINSLADE

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

Friday January 19th 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Health information – Chickenpox and Head Lice

Please note that we currently have some reported cases of both chickenpox and head lice within school. Below you will find the direct links to the NHS pages for parental advice.



[Chickenpox - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Gardening Club – busy sowing for the Spring!

Mr Chidwick's Friday Gardening Club have been busy preparing for the Spring in the polytunnel this term. They have been setting up and installing the heated propagators, ready to give their seeds the best start possible.

Alongside the heated propagators they have been sowing seeds for Sweet Peas and Broad Beans, as well as preparing to grow Chillis, Tomatoes and Onions. We're looking forward to a bumper crop later this year!



The pupils who attend gardening club also work very hard keeping our outside area looking presentable and usable, including tending to the raised beds and looking after all of our gardening tools and equipment.



Thank you to all those pupils for helping us to care and nurture our beautiful outside spaces at Northbourne.

Upcoming non-uniform day – NSPCC Number Day – Friday 2nd Feb



On the **2nd Feb**, we will be supporting **NSPCC Number Day**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience "Maths, but not as we know it!"

The theme for the day is "Dress Up For Digits!" We would like to invite the children to **come to school wearing something with numbers on**. They do not need to wear their uniforms, they could wear sports kits, clothes with numbers printed on or numbers

added on, numbers in their hair - numbers anywhere! We will be raising funds for the NSPCC. The NSPCC provides vital services for children such as Childline and the Speak out Stay Safe programme.

On the day there will be a Time Table Rockstars "Battle of the Bands" tournament between our 4 school houses. We look forward to finding out which house is the times table champion of the school!

Parental survey – Christian Values

As part of a review of our school Christian Vision and Values, I recently sent you all a link to a very short survey about our Christian Values. So far, 60% of the parent cohort have responded to the survey, thank you so much for taking the time to help out.

If you haven't taken the survey yet, there is still time to take part. Please follow this link. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/aAhTYatQTp>



Parent Governor vacancy

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

In last week's newsletter I advertised a vacancy for a parent governor on our school governing body. Thank you to those who have shown an interest. There is still time for further interest and nominations. Any interest or nominations for the post will need to be made by close of school Friday 26th January (15 school days after the post was first advertised).

If you are interested and would like further information please do contact the school. Any parent or carer who wishes to be put forward for this role will need to **complete a nomination form, which you will find attached to this email**. Paper copies are available from the school office on request.

Each parent or carer standing for election is invited to provide on their nomination form, a short personal statement (a maximum and strictly no more than 250 words). The statement could include biographical information, your reasons for wanting to be a parent governor, your skills and the contribution you believe you could make to the governing body.

If there is more than one nomination for the one vacancy, a ballot (vote) will be held, and copies of the personal statements will be sent to all parents and carers within the school community. Each parent or carer at the school will have one vote for the new parent governor.

I do hope you will consider standing as a governor. Please do contact the school if you have any questions.

INSET DAYS

The remaining INSET days for Northbourne this academic year take place at the very end of July, on the 22nd and 23rd. These are after the pupils have finished for the summer.

There are no further school closure days planned for the rest of this academic year, beyond any unforeseen emergency closures.

Learning Warrior 19th January, 2024

Willow – Felix
Beech – Chloe
Maple – Emilia
Hazel – Lexi
Oak – Matilda GK
Head Boy Award – Elliott
Head Girl Award – Freddie
Attendance Ted – Oak Class
Punctuality Pup – Willow Class, Hazel Class



AND THE
WINNER IS...

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FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

4.30 – 6.00PM

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HOT DOG
SNACKS
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TICKETS
£5



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