

Friday January 26th 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Northbourne is now a "Music Mark" School!



I am very proud to announce that Northbourne has been recognised for the musical opportunities that it provides the pupils through the curriculum, collective worship and wider extra-curricular clubs.

Music Mark is an accreditation given by the UK Association for Music Education; they champion and support access to music for all children and young people.

Our Music Mark award recognises the daily commitment and enjoyment our pupils show towards singing. Led by Miss Cooper, our pupils engage in singing together every day with great enthusiasm and effort. Often developing their repertoire and skills in order to learn harmonies and build their vocal range.

Our school choir often lead from the front during collective worship, as well as performing at a variety of events throughout the year. Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument (currently the cornet) across two years, giving them a strong grounding in music tuition before moving on to secondary school.

We continue to work very closely with Kent Music, Deal Festival and the Bold As band to provide our pupils with the opportunities to enjoy live music and perform to others. Well done to everybody for being recognised with the Music Mark award!



Parent Governor update – ballot information

The period for receiving self-nomination forms for our new parent governor has now closed. Thank you to those who have put themselves forward for the position. There will now be a parental ballot to vote for who our new parent governor will be.

Every parent will receive the chance to vote. Full details of the candidates, the process and a ballot form will be sent to every parent next week. Please do take the time to read it and place your vote when you receive the paperwork next week. Thank you.

Pupil Voice – Working with DEALT schools

On Wednesday this week, three of our Pupil Voice representatives, James, Harvey and Brooks, attended a meeting at Sandown School in Deal. This meeting was an opportunity for pupils from all the DEALT schools to gather together and start planning community projects for the coming terms.

Lots of ideas were put forward, including creating bird boxes to be placed across the community, beach litter picks, and other initiatives to help DEALT pupils make a difference.

Well done to our Pupil Voice reps for being so proactive at the meeting, we look forward to hearing about the next step in the community projects.



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!

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.

Parent survey results - Christian Values

Thank you to everybody who took the time to complete our short Christian Values survey. The survey has now closed. We received responses from 71% of the parent cohort. The feedback from this survey will help us as we continue to review the impact of our Christian Values and the role they play in shaping our community.

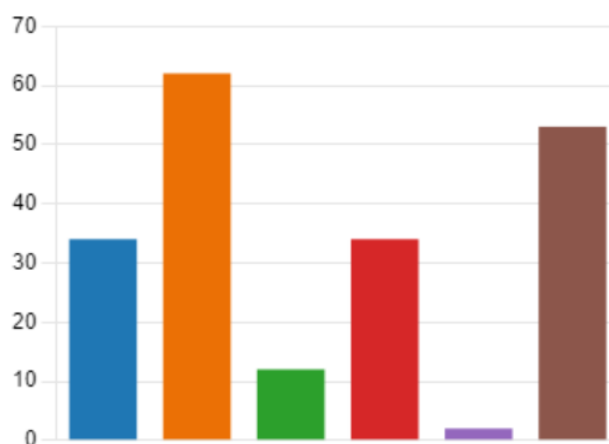
For your interest, you can see the results from the key question below.

1. Which of our Christian Values do you recognise as having the most importance to you and your family, in respect of school and community life.

Please choose a maximum of 3.

[More Details](#)

Love	34
Kindness	62
Forgiveness	12
Compassion	34
Faith	2
Respect	53



Learning Warrior 26th January, 2024

Willow – Scarlett
Beech – Harry
Maple – Reggie
Hazel – Emily R
Oak – Eleanor
Head Boy Award – Alfie J
Head Girl Award – Giana
Attendance Ted – Willow
Punctuality Pup – Willow

**AND THE
WINNER IS...**

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FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

4.30 – 6.00PM

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