



# 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)

HEADTEACHER: MR M. REYNOLDS

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

Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
7 MARCH 2024

I am pleased to inform you that as part of our love of reading in school, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. To celebrate this day all children and staff are **invited to dress up**.

The children can be as creative as they wish, they could choose to **dress as a book character, a famous author, or anything else that links in with books** that they can think of.

We appreciate that whilst some pupils and parents love an opportunity to get creative and dress up, others might not be so enthusiastic. Please do not overly worry or spend unnecessary amounts of money on costumes. We are happy with whatever effort the children can make on the day. We encourage our children and parents to use their creative skills to make their own costumes using outfits or pieces of clothing they already own.



As well as dressing up, we will also be celebrating our favourite books, sharing story time and handing out the £1 World Book Day vouchers for the pupils to spend in book shops. We look forward to celebrating World Book Day together on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Our 2024 £1/€1.50 books

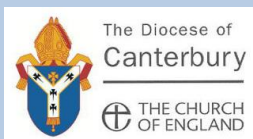
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Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

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Your child will be able to pick up one of the new £1 World Book Day books, using the voucher they will receive from school, in any local bookshop, including WH Smiths and The Deal Bookshop.



## **Mid-Year Reports and Parents Evenings**

The week beginning Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March you will receive your child's mid-year school report. These reports are written by the class teachers and give you a summary of the curriculum learning that has taken place so far this year. They also provide you with a short personal comment about your child's progress, as well as clear targets for the core learning areas of Reading/Phonics, Writing and Maths.

Our next Parents Evening appointments will follow the mid-year reports, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. You will be able to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher via our school website. We will let you know later this term when the booking link is live. Please do not try to book yet.

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## **Upcoming visit from Little Urchin Hedgehog Rescue**

We will be having a visit on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from Little Urchin Hedgehog Rescue, who are a charity based in Dover.

They will be spending some time with the children, showing them the things they do and why it is important to have a hedgehog rescue service in our area. There will also be some hoglets to show the children, including a pygmy hedgehog!

There will be a collection box on the day, should anyone like to donate to the rescue charity, alternatively they will be accepting any donations of wet or dry cat food... apparently they really like poultry versions!



We are all looking forward to learning from the rescue charity and finding out how we can help care for any hedgehogs at home and at school.

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## **Parent Governor – Parent ballot**

Thank you to everybody who returned their parent governor ballot papers. Your support is very much appreciated. We had a return rate from the parent community of 58%.

The ballot papers will now be counted and verified by the returning officer (Mr Reynolds) and an independent verifier from the DEALT Central Team. We will inform the candidates of the result before informing the school community.



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## **INSET DAYS**

The remaining INSET days for Northbourne this academic year take place at the very end of July, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024

Willow – Maisie

Beech – Kaylen

Maple – Marnie

Hazel – George

Oak – Jack

Head Boy Award – Archie

Head Girl Award – Scarlett

Attendance Ted – Maple

Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech, Maple, Hazel

