



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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CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS C. WINSLADE

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

Friday March 1st 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

"Divergent Drama" Workshops with Willow Class and Beech Class

This week our youngest pupils enjoyed a fantastic drama workshop with Divergent Drama group, who visited Northbourne on Tuesday. The pupils in Willow Class took part in a traditional stories session, whilst the pupils in Beech Class enjoyed a session all about explorers.



The Reception children loved acting out some of their favourite traditional stories. Whilst the children in Beech class used their drama skills and worked collaboratively to act out significant moments and achievements from the lives of explorers such as Christopher Columbus, Amy Johnson, Neil Armstrong, and Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

The pupils had a fantastic time, acting out adventures and enjoying the unique storytelling from the performers. Thank you to Divergent Drama for a great day!



Parent Governor – Results



Thank you to everybody who returned their parent governor ballot papers. Your support is very much appreciated.

The ballot papers were counted and verified by the returning officer (Mr Reynolds) and an independent verifier from the DEALT Central Team.

The new Parent Governor for Northbourne, by majority vote, is Mrs Traynor. My thanks to all three of our candidates, Mrs Traynor, Mrs Moore and Miss Randall, for putting themselves forward for the post and showing a keen interest in supporting the development of the school.

Parents Evening – Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March



Our second Parents Evenings of the year will take place after school on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March. Please make a note of these dates. These are valuable opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss learning and progress. We hope you will all be able to attend.

The online booking system for these dates is now open via the school website. Click on the "Parent News" tab and then the Parent Consultations option. Or follow this link:

[Northbourne CE Primary School - Parent Consultations \(northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk\)](http://northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk)

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



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 7th 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 7th March.

Our 2024 £1/€1.50 books

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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.

Allergy reminder

Please can we remind you that we do have pupils and staff at school with allergies. We are particularly mindful of food that comes into school that could cause severe allergic reactions. These foods include anything with nuts in. Please support us by double checking any packed lunch foods for ingredients that include nuts (cereal bars, Nutella, etc). Thank you for your help with this.

Upcoming visit from Little Urchin Hedgehog Rescue

We will be having a visit on Wednesday 6th 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.

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 1st March, 2024

Willow – Esme
Beech – Willow
Maple – Louie
Hazel – Dylan
Oak – Harrison
Head Boy Award – Arthur
Head Girl Award – Elsie
Attendance Ted – Willow Class
Punctuality Pup – Willow Class





Dear God

Thank you for providing us with
the clean air we breathe.

Grant us the wisdom to look
after the earth and keep
everyone on your world safe
from harm including those who
have no home.

Amen



Olivia Traynor
Willow Class
25.02.2024

Miamh
Willow Class
25.02.2024