



**The Federation
of The Downs & Northbourne
Church of England Primary Schools**



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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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29th November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas Fair and Book Fair

On Friday 6th December our Christmas Fair will begin at 2pm. Every child will have made some Christmas craft or goodies and these will be for sale from the classrooms. Once you have visited the classroom to view / purchase your child's Christmas crafts, you can then visit the fair in the hall along with your child.

The choir will be singing in the school reception area at the start of the fair and Charley's dance club will be performing a Christmas dance routine at 3.00pm on the stage in the hall. We are also hoping to welcome back Mr Quirke who will be playing festive music on the keyboard in the hall.

Father Christmas has already been in touch, and he has promised to visit school during December in order to go to each class and surprise the pupils. Therefore, he will not be making an appearance at the fair. We're all looking forward to him dropping into Northbourne over the coming weeks!

Friends Of Northbourne – helpers needed!

If you are able to give any amount of time up to help with Christmas Fair preparations or to help on the day, please do speak to the school office or to Mrs Hickie. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer in Reception.

Christmas Tree at Northbourne

We will soon be putting up and decorating the tree at Northbourne! This year we would like to say a very special thank you to the parents of Jessica and George O'Brien for their incredibly generous donation of the school Christmas Tree. It is much appreciated and will help to get everybody at Northbourne in a festive mood!

Love in a Box for the Homeless

We sent an email with details of this very worthy cause. Please bring any donations to school reception by Friday 13th December.

The History Project

On Monday our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils took part in a fantastic archaeology experience with the help of the History Project company. The pupils spent the morning scanning the school field with metal detectors and then digging up their exciting finds. In the afternoon the pupils cleaned the objects and then went online to try to identify and date what they had found. We were all very excited to see what was discovered buried under our school field. Some of the highlights were: WW2 badges belonging to the Canadian military, various coins from the past 100 years, a decorative book clasp, machinery cogs, some old farming tools and a child's yo-yo. All the children and adults involved had a brilliant day being archaeologists and our thanks go to the History Project for providing this fascinating experience to the school.

Astronomy Roadshow

This week we were pleased to welcome back the Astronomy Roadshow. This event was originally planned to take place back at the end of October, however, the equipment failed on that particular day. Fortunately, all was working well this week and the pupils all enjoyed a presentation inside the inflatable planetarium. They were treated to a journey through the stars where they visited different constellations and learnt about different expeditions into space. It was a great experience that has inspired a number of our children to consider becoming astronauts in the future!

Yours sincerely,
Mr M Reynolds
Headteacher



The BIG question:

What is your most favourite memory?



Class Assembly Dates – 2:30 pm

Fri 13th December – Values Assembly

Celebration Assembly – Friday 29th November 2019

<p><u>Willow</u> Poppy & Harvey</p> <p><u>Beech</u> Ella & James</p>	<p><u>Maple</u> Emily & Bethan</p> <p><u>Hazel</u> Laila & Rhys</p>	<p><u>Oak</u> Elliott & Bleu</p> <p>Attendance Ted – Maple Punctuality Pup – Beech & Hazel</p>
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Dates for your diaries

- Fri 6th Dec, St Nicholas church service at St Augustine’s Church, 10.30am for EYFS, Yr 1 & Yr 2
- Fri 6th Dec, Northbourne Christmas Fair (inc. Book Fair and Dance Club performance), 2.00pm
- Wed 11th Dec, School Christmas Dinner
- Thurs 12th Dec, Nativity “A Midwife Crisis!” 2.00pm EYFS, Yr 1 & Yr 2
- Fri 13th Dec, Nativity “A Midwife Crisis!” 2.00pm EYFS, Yr 1 & Yr 2
- Tue 17th Dec, Christmas church service at St Augustine’s Church, 2.00pm for Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6

Clubs

Clubs run from 15:00 – 16:00
Please collect your child promptly

<p>TUESDAYS Term 2 29 Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov & 3 Dec GYM – Rec – Y6 TAG RUGBY – Y2 – Y6</p>	<p>THURSDAYS Terms 2 31 Oct, 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov & 5 Dec FOOTBALL – Y2 – Y6 CHEERLEADING – Rec – Y6</p> <p>TERM 2 31 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov & 5 Dec COLOURING - Rec, Y1 & Y2</p>	<p>FRIDAYS 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov 6, 13 December DANCE</p>
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