



Northbourne Church of England 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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Dear Parents / Carers,



THANK YOU, ARCHERS LOW NURSERY

We are very grateful to Archers Low nursery for donating the lovely Christmas tree outside the school entrance. We use Archers Low throughout the year to purchase the plants for all of our hanging baskets and we are very proud of the partnership between the school and the nursery.

A Festive Week at Northbourne!

What a wonderful, festive week of celebrations we have enjoyed at Northbourne. It all started last Friday at the Christmas Fair. Many thanks to everybody who attended, helped and organised the fair, it was a wonderful success. The Friends Of Northbourne have reported a profit of £1000, which is incredible and really highlights the generosity and involvement of our families. Thank you to all who came along and supported the event.

The Christmas singing on Tuesday was attended by our friends from Age Concern in Sandwich, as well as a number of friends and family. Everybody enjoyed listening to the school singing some Christmas favourites followed by a mince pie and cup of tea. Age Concern have passed on their thanks and have expressed how wonderful it is for them to feel part of our school community.

On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner together, with turkey, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, sprouts and all the trimmings! This year our Pupil Voice children voted to not have crackers due to the amount of plastic waste that hundreds of crackers cause each year. Instead, the Pupil Voice children and the Friends of Northbourne funded a small Christmas gift bag for each child that contained a joke, a chocolate and some stationary. These bags proved very popular! Thank you to Pupil Voice, FON and Miss Lamb for making this possible.

And finally, the festive week has been wonderfully rounded off with our magical Nativity performance from EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. "A Midwife Crisis" delivered all the essential ingredients of a school Nativity, with colourful costumes, fabulous singing, great one-liners and, of course, a very wise donkey! Well done to all the children and staff who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to ensure this great Christmas tradition continues at Northbourne.

Next week sees our final Christmas event, the Christmas service at St Augustine's church in Northbourne village, for our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. Parents are very welcome to join us at 2.00pm at the church. Following the service, parents are welcome to collect pupils directly from church, everybody else will walk back to school in time for a usual 3.00pm finish.

Love in a Box for the Homeless

Boxes have yet to be collected so if you still wish to make a donation, please do so by first thing Monday morning (16th December).

Diary Dates

- Mon 16th, 2.30pm – Values Assembly
- Tue 17th, 2.00pm – Christmas Service at St Augustine's Church (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Wed 18th – Last day of term, collect from 1.00pm

Wed 18th Dec - Last day of term arrangements

Please note, on the last day of term, parents are welcome to collect their children from 1.00pm. School will stay open until 3.00pm as usual for any parents who are unable to collect early. If your child goes home on the school bus, this will depart at the usual time of 3.00pm.

Clubs

Thank you for returning your club reply slips. We will let you know next week if your child has a place or not. Children without a place will go a waiting list.

Yours sincerely,
Mr M Reynolds
Headteacher



The BIG question:
Can you ever have a
truly silent night?