



**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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10th January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year!

To all of our Northbourne families, a very Happy New Year to you all. Welcome back to the start of a new term, year and decade!

Start of the day, school routine - Developing Independence

One of our important school values is “Independence” and we are always looking at ways of developing our pupils’ opportunities to grow as independent members of Northbourne. To this end we would like parents and carers to ***help us provide some more independent time for the pupils at the start of the school day.***

Firstly, we would love you to ***consider using the drop off point*** if you don’t already. Using this facility has multiple benefits for the pupils and the school. It obviously helps to greatly reduce the traffic in the car park and on the green triangle (which is more of a mud triangle now!) More importantly it helps the pupils to grow independently, as they have to walk themselves to the playground and organise themselves for the start of the day without a parent or carer alongside them. We have many pupils from EYFS right through to Year 6 who manage this incredibly well every day. So please do seriously consider using the drop off point.

Secondly, if you are parking and walking your child onto the playground in the morning, then we would like you to ***consider saying goodbye and leaving your child in the care of the staff on duty*** before the bell is rung for lining up. Again, this would help the pupils to prepare for the start of the day, take responsibility for their own school bag and belongings and line up for their teacher, a little more independently.

Naturally, we understand that a lot of parents and carers enjoy the start of the day at school, and value this time with their child and catching up with other adults. Whilst we are not trying to put a stop to this, we are keen to help our pupils grow independently and to be confident members of the school.

We hope you are able to help us out by trying one of these suggestions once or twice a week, or maybe even as part of your regular morning routine.

Pot Holes at Car Park entrance – please take care

Inevitably, the awful wet weather we have experienced recently has worsened the potholes at the entrance to the car park. We do repair these potholes annually and we are in the process of arranging the next round of groundworks. In the meantime, please do be very careful as you drive into the car park, and be careful if you are walking down the lane or through the car park. Thank you for your care and attention with this issue.

Give a Little Love shoebox campaign

Many thanks to our Northbourne families who supported this Pupil Voice initiative. Together with other donations collected locally, the gift boxes were delivered to the Catching Lives shelter in Canterbury the day before Christmas Eve. The shelter posted a message of thanks via its Facebook page describing the arrival as a 'mountain of boxes.' In total, around 80 boxes were donated. Well done everybody!



Baby Basics

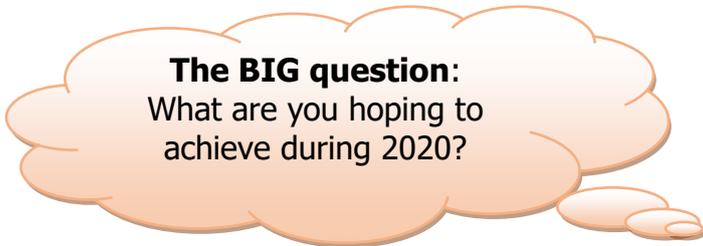
Pupil Voice will now focus on a charity called Baby Basics. Baby Basics operates in the Dover area, working with Midwives, Health Visitors and other local organisations to provide starter packs for those in need. The charity helps groups such as teenage mums, families on a low income and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking. They provide Moses baskets to provide a safer place to sleep and fill those Moses baskets full of toiletries for both mum and baby, baby clothes, blankets and other baby essentials. For some, these are the only items they have for their child. A letter will follow shortly giving details of how and what to donate.

Do You Work In The Community?

This term Miss Roberts' Year 1/2 class are learning about "People Who Help Us." Do you work in the community? Would you be willing to come into school to speak to Beech Class about your role? We would love to hear from anybody with a community role such as: Emergency Services, NHS, Mechanic, Retail, Dr, Vet, Dentist, Local Council, etc. If you think, you would be able to help please contact Mrs Lund in the school office.

Belated 'Thank you'

We are thankful to both Sainsburys and Archers Low Nurseries. Sainsburys for supplying 100 oranges for our KS2 Carol 'Christingle' Service and Archers Low for donating the lovely Christmas tree, which was outside the school entrance. Archers Low supply most of the plants for our hanging baskets. Thank you for your kind, generous donations.



The BIG question:
What are you hoping to achieve during 2020?

Values Assembly – Monday 16th December 2019

<p><u>Independent</u> Arthur - Willow Ted – Beech Hanako – Maple Joe – Hazel Martha - Oak</p>	<p><u>Resilient</u> Harvey – Willow Rose – Beech Lucy – Maple Wesley – Hazel Jorja – Oak</p>	<p><u>Emotionally Intelligent</u> George – Willow Astrid – Beech Isabella – Maple Ethan – Hazel Maisie – Oak</p>
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Celebration Assembly – Friday 10th January 2020

<p><u>Willow</u> George & Sophie</p> <p><u>Beech</u> Primrose & Thomas</p>
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Maple
Ryder & Phoebe

Hazel
Aliyah & Riley

Oak
Isla & George

Attendance Ted – Willow
Punctuality Pup – Willow

Clubs – Term 3

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

<p>TUESDAYS 7, 14, 21, 28 January 4, 11 February END-BALL – Y3-Y6</p>	<p>THURSDAYS 9, 16, 23, 30 January 6, 13 February MULTI-SPORTS – Rec – Y3 FOOTBALL – Y3 – Y6 COLOURING CLUB – Y4 – Y6 LEGO CLUB – Rec – Y2</p>	<p>FRIDAYS 10, 17, 24, 31 January 7, 14 February DANCE</p>
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Dates for your Diaries

- Friday 10th January – Y4 Swimming
- Friday 17th January - Y4 Swimming
- Friday 24th January – Y4 Swimming
- Wednesday 29th January – Y6 HAPI Survey – Kent Community Health
- Friday 31st January – Y4 Swimming
- Friday 7th February – Y4 Swimming
- Friday 14th February – End of Term 3
- Monday 24th February – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 25th February – Term 4 begins
- Friday 3rd April – End of Term 4
- Monday 20th April – Term 5 begins
- Friday 22nd April – Term 5 ends
- Monday 1st June – Term 6 begins
- Tuesday 2nd June – Y6 and Leavers photos
- Friday 26th June – Monday 29th June – INSET DAYS
- Wednesday 22nd July – End of Term 6