

**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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17th January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Start of the day, school routine - Developing Independence

AMAZING! Thank you so much to all the parents who have responded to my request last week for more pupils to use the drop off point or come into school independently.

I am very pleased to say that Mr Chidwick has been overwhelmed by the increase in pupils using the drop off point in the morning. ***Did you know that over 50% of our youngest pupils in Reception class now use the drop off?*** What a wonderful show of confidence and independence from our 4 and 5 year olds, we are very proud of them! Have you used the drop off point yet? If not then please give it a go.

I have also noticed an increase in the number of pupils saying goodbye to their parents at the school entrance and then taking themselves around to the playground. It is great to see our Northbourne pupils showing independence and confidence at the start of the school day.

Please be assured that parents are still very welcome on the school playground in the morning, however, it would be great to see as many families as possible trying a new morning routine that helps to ease congestion in the car park and promotes independence in our pupils.

Pupil Voice – Crisp Packet Recycling

Thank you to everybody who brought their used crisp packets into school over the past few months and placed them in to our special recycling bin. This week our boxes of used crisp packets were collected (9.5kg worth of packets) and have been whisked away to Terracycle, the UK's largest crisp packet recycling scheme, where they will be recycled into small plastic pellets, ready to be used as raw materials.

Currently, ***Northbourne are the only official school recycling station for crisp packets*** in our local area. The other nearest recycling point for Terracycle is Deal Railway Station.

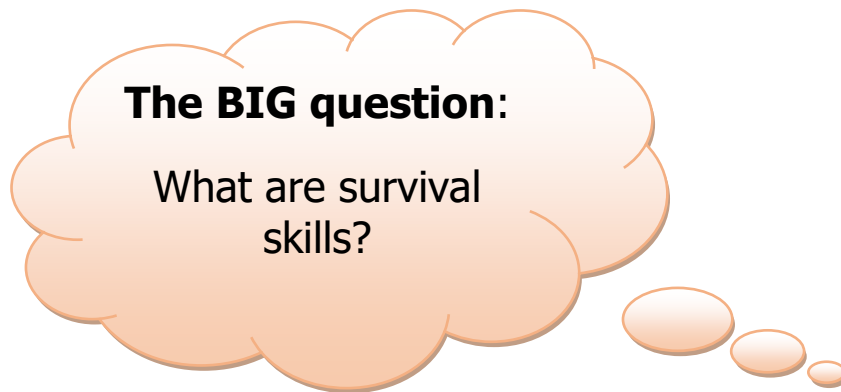
Well done to our Pupil Voice team who, along with Miss Lamb, have been pushing the school to take action on plastic waste and recycling. This also influenced our Christmas Dinner last term, where Pupil Voice chose to have small gift bags for each pupil instead of Christmas Crackers, in order to avoid the plastic and foil waste.

Do You Work In The Community?

Thank you to all the adults who have contacted us so far and have offered to come in and talk to Beech Class. If you think you may be able to help, or know somebody who may be able to come in, then please share the message below:

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.

Yours sincerely,
Mr M Reynolds
Headteacher



Celebration Assembly – Friday 10th January 2020

Beech
Ella & Otilie

Maple
Isabella & Molly

Oak
Jude & Betsy

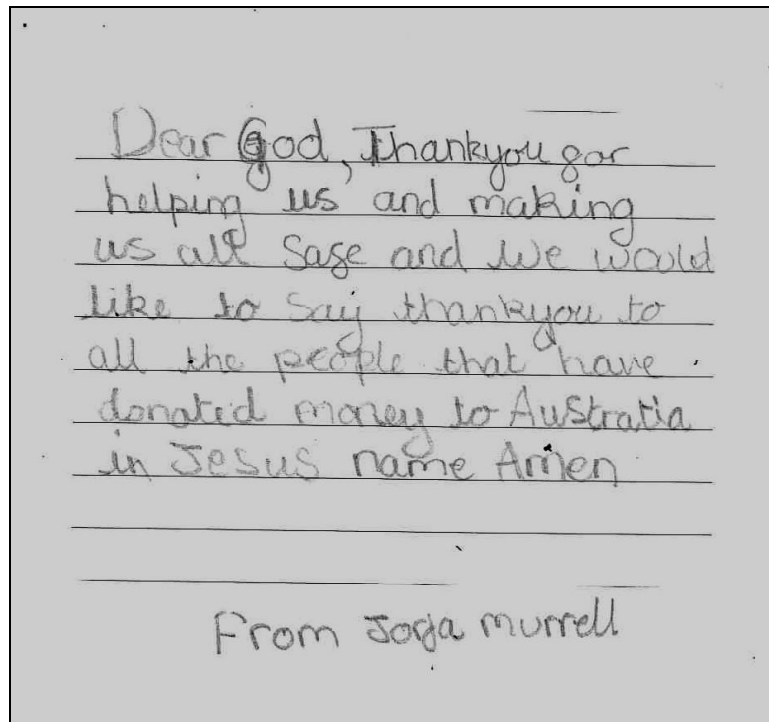
Hazel
Eliza & John

Attendance Ted – Beech & Hazel
Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech & Hazel

Clubs – Term 3

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

TUESDAYS 7, 14, 21, 28 January 4, 11 February END-BALL – Y3-Y6	THURSDAYS 9, 16, 23, 30 January 6, 13 February MULTI-SPORTS – Rec – Y3 FOOTBALL – Y3 – Y6 COLOURING CLUB – Y4 – Y6 LEGO CLUB – Rec – Y2	FRIDAYS 10, 17, 24, 31 January 7, 14 February DANCE
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Dates for your Diaries – All dates are on the school website.

- 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

Assembly Dates – 2.30 pm

- Friday 31st January – Oak Class
- Friday 7th February – Hazel Class
- Friday 14th February – Values Assembly
- Friday 6th March – Maple Class
- Friday 13th March – Beech Class
- Friday 20th March – Willow Class