

**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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31st January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Professional Tennis Coach visit

On Tuesday this week our pupils in Year 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed a fantastic tennis training session with leading Lawn Tennis Association coach Phil Leighton. He led the pupils through an active session where they practised their racket skills and throwing and catching skills. It was a pleasure to welcome Phil to Northbourne and great to see our pupils working alongside such an outstanding national coach. Following the session, all the children received invitations to take part in a training session at Deal Tennis Centre this coming Saturday. We look forward to hearing all about it next week!

Car Park Potholes

I have spoken to a number of you over the past few weeks regarding the worsening potholes at the entrance to our car park. We currently have a licence with the Northbourne Estate, which allows us to use the car park. With this licence comes the responsibility for us to keep the car park surface in as good a condition as possible. The issue we currently have with the larger pothole is that it sits outside of the car park gates, within the road surface. We are currently in discussions with Kent Highways and the Northbourne Estate to establish who is responsible for the upkeep of that section of road. As soon as we have an answer to this, we can move forward with getting the responsible party to repair the road. In the meantime, please do continue to take great care when driving and walking down the lane.

Mid-Year Reports

Next Friday 7th February your child will bring home their mid-year report. This is not a full school report but rather a brief summary of their learning, progress, attendance and behaviour and includes a short report on Forest School. There will also be some core academic targets set out, that will help you to know what your child's next steps are. If there is anything in your child's report that you are unsure of, or need clarifying, please do speak to the class teacher.

Upcoming Friends of Northbourne events

Valentines Cake Sale – Friday 14th February

We will be so grateful to receive your cake donations (homemade or bought) on the morning of 14th.

Quiz Night – Fri 6th March

Our next quiz night will be taking place on Friday 6th March, shortly after half term. Last year we had a fantastic turn out for our quiz night, with parents, teachers, family and friends. We would love to see as many people come along and support the event again. Teams of 8 maximum - £4.00 per person. Bring your own refreshments. Please book a table with Mrs Lund in the school office.

Baby Basics

Please support Pupil Voice and the FON Committee with your donations. A reminder of the items we would like parents/carers to donate:

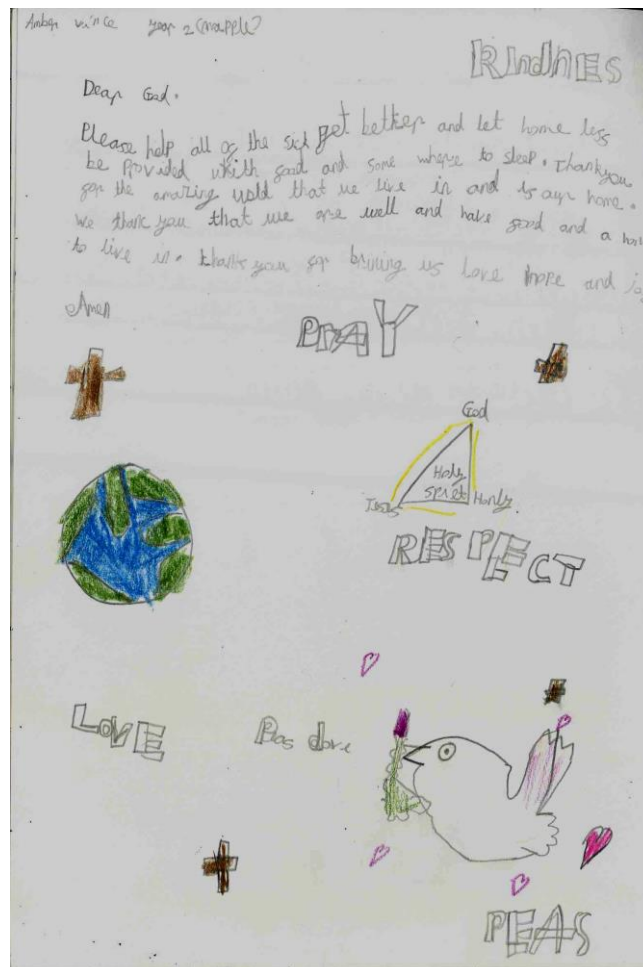
Baby Basics is a charity that provides essentials for babies and mums, especially teenage mums, families on a low income and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking. We welcome donations of the following: Size 1 & 2 nappies, baby wipes, maternity pads, baby and adult washing products, toothbrush and paste for mum, breast pads, cotton wool pleats, nappy cream, nappy sacks, scratch mitts.

We hope you agree that this is a worthwhile project to support. The drop off point will run throughout the school year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for any donations you can kindly give.

Mr M Reynolds

The BIG question:

What does nothing mean?



Celebration Assembly – Friday 31st January 2020

Willow

Dylan & Effy-Mae

Maple

Eevie & Tabitha

Oak

Elliott & Jorja

Beech

Christian & Astrid

Hazel

Delilah & Leah

Attendance Ted – Willow
Punctuality Pup – Beech

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 – All dates are on the school website.

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 May – 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 7th February – Hazel Class
 Friday 14th February – Values Assembly
 Friday 6th March – Maple Class
 Friday 13th March – Beech Class
 Friday 20th March – Willow Class