



**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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28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

**New Staff News**

We would like to welcome Mr Whelan to our team of Teaching Assistants at Northbourne. Many of you will know Mr Whelan as he has worked with Northbourne before in his previous role, as a Premier Sports instructor. We are thrilled he has joined our school team and we are sure the children in Beech class will make him feel very welcome.

From this term onwards, our Premier Sport provision will take place on Mondays and Thursdays led by Mr Bulteel. The children have worked with Mr 'B' on many occasions over the past few years and it is great to have him as part of our team.

**DfE & Public Health England Guidance**

In light of the growing cases of Coronavirus, both the Department for Education and Public Health England are continuing to ask schools to help promote the message of good basic hygiene. Here is the advice from the World Health Organisation:

- **Wash your hands frequently** Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub if your hands are not visibly dirty.
- **Practice respiratory hygiene** When coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – discard tissue immediately into a closed bin and clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

In school, we promote the practice of “catch it, bin it, stop it”. Mr Chidwick ensures that all classes have access to tissues and that there is plenty of liquid soap in all the school dispensers. Please help us to support the pupils with good basic hygiene practices.

**Quiz Night – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Our next quiz night will be taking place this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. 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 food and drink. Please book a table with Mrs Lund in the school office.

School will open at 7.00 pm and the quiz will begin at 7.30 pm. In the past, we have had some Year 6 pupils and older siblings taking part with their parents. You are welcome to include older pupils as part of your team if you wish however, please could we ask that no younger pupils are included in the quiz.

**World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - “What was, or is, your favourite children’s book?”**

This Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. We are very fortunate at Northbourne to have families that recognise the value of reading and continually support the school with the development of the children’s love for books. To celebrate this World Book Day ***we are asking the pupils to investigate their family’s favourite children’s books***. We would love to hear all about them on Thursday, so please encourage your child to keep a record of which books your family members loved as children.

We would also like to ***encourage every child to bring in one book that is special to them*** on Thursday, and be prepared to share why this book is so special, with their teacher and class.

On World Book Day, every pupil in school will receive a £1 book token, which can be used to purchase special £1 World Book Day books or alternatively can be used to offset the purchase of any other book by £1.

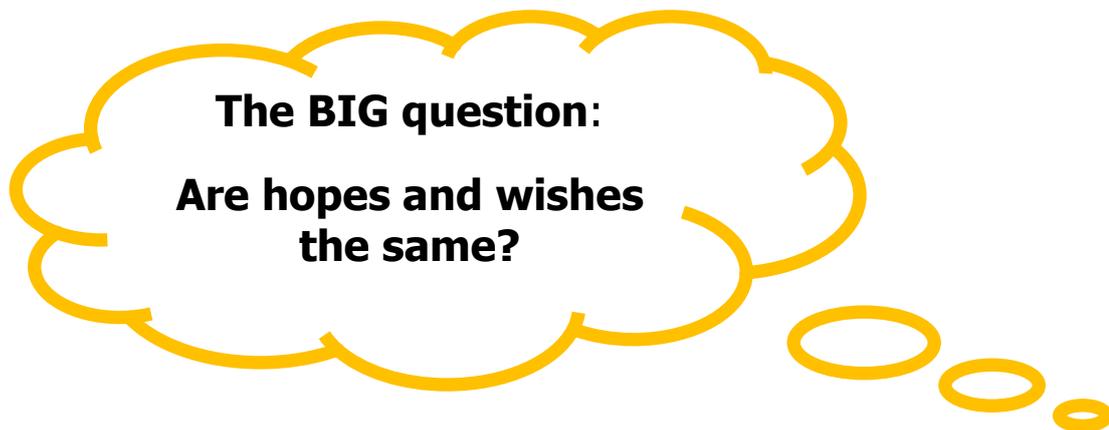
**Kent County Cricket 150 Years Celebratory Service at Canterbury Cathedral**

We are very proud to report that Northbourne have been invited to represent primary school cricketers at the 150-year anniversary celebratory service for Kent County Cricket, taking place at Canterbury Cathedral this Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March. We are very excited to be sending a group of 10 pupils, along with Mrs Diamantis, to help mark this landmark anniversary for County Cricket. We look forward to hearing all about it from our pupils later in the week.

**Parent’s Evenings, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Following on from your child’s mid-year report, our next parents’ evening dates are Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. More details of timings and how to book appointments will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely  
Mr M Reynolds  
Headteacher



**Awards Assembly – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

<p><b><u>Willow</u></b> Emily &amp; Faith</p> <p><b><u>Beech</u></b> Oliver &amp; Thomas G</p>	<p><b><u>Maple</u></b> Jude &amp; Isla</p> <p><b><u>Hazel</u></b> Ailsa &amp; Rhys M</p>	<p><b><u>Oak</u></b> Harry &amp; Tyler</p> <p>Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech &amp; Hazel Attendance Ted – Hazel</p>
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### **Clubs – Term 4**

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

<p><b>MONDAYS</b> 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March <b>ARCHERY – Rec – Y2</b> <b>MINDFULNESS COLOURING – Rec – Y6</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAYS</b> 27, Feb 3, 12, 19, 26 March 2 April <b>FOOTBALL – Y3 – Y6</b> <b>FILM CLUB – Rec – Y2</b> <b>CHOIR CLUB – Y3 – Y6</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAYS</b> <b>DANCE</b> Friday - 28th Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, March 3 April <b>DANCE with Charley</b></p>
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### **Dates for your Diaries – All dates are on the school website.**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Swimming  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Swimming  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Swimming  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Swimming  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Parents' Evening  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – End of Term 4  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Term 5 begins  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Term 5 ends  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Term 6 begins  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Y6 and Leavers photos  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAYS  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End of Term 6

### **Assembly Dates – 2.30 pm**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Maple Class  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Beech Class  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Willow Class

Dear God  
Thank you for my family  
and friends. Thank you  
for giving me a warm  
home, filled up with all  
my favourite toys.  
Please look after the  
ones who may not be as  
LUCKY as me.

a men

ELLA YOUNG  
BEECH CLASS  
YEAR 12