



**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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9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

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



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March our Year 6 Head Boy, Head Girl and House representatives, along with Mrs Diamantis and Miss Iggledon, attended a special commemorative service at Canterbury Cathedral to celebrate 150 years of County Cricket in Kent. We were one of only two Kent schools who attended the service, making us very exclusive VIPs! The children enjoyed listening to the cathedral choir perform as well as hearing some tales of Kent Cricket being told by actor Jim Carter (Mr Carson from Downton Abbey!) After the service, they met with England and Kent cricketers Sam Billings and Daniel Bell-Drummond. It was a fantastic experience for our pupils and an occasion that Northbourne Primary were very proud to be part of.

**Car Park Pot-Hole Update**

I am very pleased to report that Kent Highways have been very responsive to our many complaints regarding the large pothole in the road by our car park entrance. We are anticipating an investigation and repairs carried out in the very near future. We thank you all for your understanding and patience with this matter. We shall keep you up to date

### **Quiz Night Thank You**

Many thanks to the parents and staff who came along to support the Friends of Northbourne Quiz on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March. Seven teams battled it out for the prize, well done to Mrs Diamantis and her team-mates for narrowly claiming top spot! The event was very well supported, resulting in just over £200 being raised for the Friends of Northbourne. Thank you to all involved!

### **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.

### **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. We will send a text to all parents as soon as the booking is ‘live’. Appointments to be made via the school website [www. www.northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk](http://www.northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk) Click on Parent News/Parent Consultations and then find your class page. You will not be able to make an appointment through School Gateway App or through ParentMail.

### **Easter Holiday Reminder**

Just to remind you that **this term finishes for Easter holidays on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. This is the same date that has been in place since last academic year, so please don’t panic. I just wanted to remind you all, as I am aware that this is a different end of term date to many other Deal schools. A number of our neighbouring schools finish on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April, we however continue to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in order for our pupils and staff to have two full weeks holiday over the Easter period.

Yours sincerely  
Mr M Reynolds  
Headteacher



**The BIG question:  
Why do we need  
books?**

## Awards Assembly – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

<p><b><u>Willow</u></b> Brooks &amp; Sophie W</p>	<p><b><u>Maple</u></b> Elsie &amp; Lyra</p>	<p><b><u>Oak</u></b> Wilfred &amp; Freya</p>
<p><b><u>Beech</u></b> Frank &amp; Rose</p>	<p><b><u>Hazel</u></b> Teddi &amp; Callum</p>	<p>Punctuality Pup – Hazel Attendance Ted – Maple</p>

### **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.**

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  
 Reception Hearing and Vision Screening  
 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 13<sup>th</sup> March – Beech Class  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Willow Class

