



**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)

13th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Today, Fri 13th, everybody should have received a letter, via email, providing the school's update on planning for any potential disruptions caused by the Coronavirus. Please do check that you have received this letter. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Important Contact Details

In light of any potential school disruption that the Coronavirus may cause, now is a good time to make sure that all of our parents are receiving our electronic communications.

When we send a text to 'all' our system shows that 25% of parents have not downloaded the School Gateway App. Every one of those texts incurs a cost to school. We would like to encourage the final 25% of parents to download the App, if you are able to.

Of course, we understand that some of you have an older phone, or storage is full or for whatever reason, you are not able to subscribe, but if your phone does have the capability here is a reminder of how to download the App:

➤ **Download the 'School Gateway' app from your App store.**

(Smart phones / Apple / Android can download the app from their app store for **free**)

- Click New User
- Enter your email address and mobile number (must be the same email/number school holds for you)
- Click 'Send PIN' – *(make a note of your PIN number)*
- Enter PIN
- Click the 'Login' button

It is **FREE to text** school using the School Gateway app. OR

➤ **Visit the website** – www.schoolgateway.com

- Select New User
- Follow the same steps as above

Lastly, please stay logged in to the App – if you log out, you will still receive messages but they will not be free.

PLEASE HELP YOUR SCHOOL SAVE MONEY, THANK YOU!

Drop-Off Point - A Request From Our Neighbours

If you have been using the drop off point in the mornings, please take note of a request we have received from our neighbours who live in the cottages at the bottom of the lane. They have contacted the school to kindly ask that all school traffic remember to drive slowly and carefully past the row of cottages. I have assured our neighbours that I would pass this message on and that, as a school community, we will endeavour to drive sensibly and respectfully past their homes. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Celebrating British Science Week with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. (STEM)

This week the whole school community gathered together to celebrate British Science Week and to share the fabulous STEM learning that has happened both in the classroom and at home this term. Pupils from each class were chosen to present their STEM learning to the school and to talk about the different aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths that they had been using.

We were overwhelmed with the amazing STEM learning that has been taking place in Northbourne this term!

- Willow Class showed photographic evidence of their ice balloon experiments, where they tested how ice would react with different materials, as well as showing drawings of their cress growing experiments.
- Beech Class shared Eleanor's fabulous model of the human body complete with internal organs and a skeleton, as well as a beautifully designed and baked fire engine cake from Rose....yum!
- Maple Class displayed two of their stone-age models, including Matilda's cave scene which was created using a balloon and papier-mâché, and Elsie's scene of a mammoth leg roasting over a fire which featured an electrical circuit complete with a hidden light bulb to bring the fire to life!
- Hazel Class showed the school Sam and Joe's incredible Viking Longships, which displayed careful use of design, technology and engineering through the use of different materials.
- Oak Class modelled how light travels in straight lines by using Jasper, Freya, Martha, Jessica, a piece of string, a teddy bear and a mirror! Jessica also showed the school her amazing 1.5m tall periscope, which not only displayed a sound understanding of light and reflection, but also celebrated some amazing engineering and design skills in building the housing for the periscope.

Well done Northbourne for displaying what brilliant Scientists you all are!

Yours sincerely
Mr M Reynolds
Headteacher



The BIG question:

**Would it be better to
travel to the future or
back to the past?**

Awards Assembly – Friday 13th March 2020

<p><u>Willow</u> Vienna & Arthur</p> <p><u>Beech</u> Drew & Merida</p>	<p><u>Maple</u> Emily W & Molly</p> <p><u>Hazel</u> Charlie & Lenny</p>	<p><u>Oak</u> Jasper & Eva</p> <p>Punctuality Pup – Willow Attendance Ted – Hazell</p>
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Clubs – Term 4

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

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

Friday 20th March – Y5 Swimming
Friday 27th March – Y5 Swimming
Tuesday 31st March – Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st April – Parents' Evening
Reception Hearing and Vision Screening
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 20th March – Willow Class

