

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)***

Friday 20th March

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am struggling to know what else I can say, I have been left speechless by the unprecedented events of this past week.

Never in my 20 years of working in Primary Schools have I had to ask staff, pupils and parents to react so quickly to such a fast moving situation. Nor have I ever had to lead a school community into such a period of unknown. We are all well and truly through the looking glass!

However, never in my 20 years of working in Primary Schools have I been quite so astounded at the amount of community spirit, compassion, enthusiasm and raw resilience that has been shown by our families, our pupils and our staff team this past week. From incredible offers of volunteering to wonderful comments of support and gratefulness, this week has really shone a light on the unique community that is Northbourne. Thank you so very much! Every comment or message or smile at the school gate has helped enormously this week!

I cannot say when things will return to normal. I have no idea when we will all return to our usual routine. Until that time please know that the classrooms will be ready and waiting, the drop-off point will be set to run, the beautiful grounds will be cared for and awaiting children to play, the Forest School will be ready for adventures and exploration and I, for one, cannot wait to welcome everyone back to Northbourne again.

We will be keeping you up to date over the coming weeks with any news or further changes. You will still be able to contact us via the school office email, secretary@northbourne.me or via the app. In the meantime our teachers will primarily be using Purple Mash to continue guiding home learning activities for the children. We will also continue to update the Pupil Zone section of the website with relevant online learning links.

I have copied below some prayers that pupils from across the school have been writing this week. I can only echo their messages.

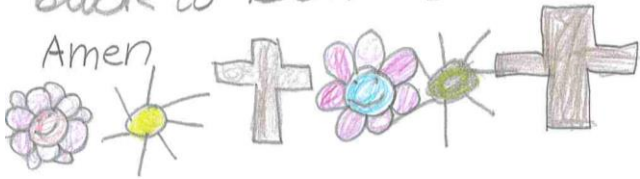
Please take care of yourselves and I will see you all sooner rather than later.

Mr M Reynolds



Dear God We hope
 this coronavirus will
 stop soon. we are
 Praying for are friends
 to get better and come
 back to school soon.

Amen



Isabella (Y2 Beech)

Dear God,
 Thank you for the birds and nature
 and please watch over people who
 can't leave their homes because of
 the coronavirus. Keep us safe. Amen



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Dear God,

Today, we pray for those less fortunate than us,
 we pray for those who are ill or have a very serious illness.
 We pray for those who are unhealthly
 and that you will help them to get better
 We pray in hope that you will bless these people
 In hope they will recover and become of health.
 Today we do not think of ourselves,
 but we think about those people who need help.
 We pray your blessing on all of us,
 in Jesus name,

Amen

Keirre Hinborough

Dear God
 please help people
 that are sick
 with coronavirus.
 Please let them
 rest. a man

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Dear Lord

Please help the sick and unloved ones every day we live. People with coronavirus should not suffer from what they don't deserve. Help us show kindness and care throughout our school and help us to enjoy the best times at our wonderful school Northbourne Primary School.

In Jesus name

Amen.

Esme, Isla, Emily.