



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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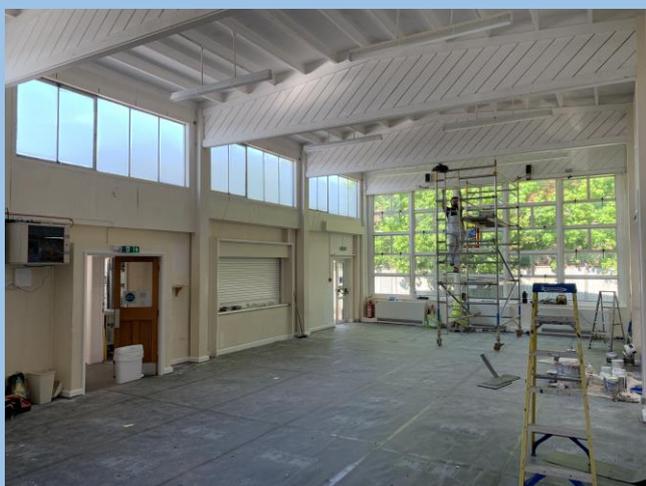
Dear Parents and Carers,

Easing of Lockdown & Possible School Reopening

As we head into this Bank Holiday weekend we are all focused on the Prime Ministers announcement this Sunday where we expect to gain some clarity over what the easing of lockdown may look like. We are obviously hoping to receive some guidance about schools, including when they may begin admitting pupils and which year groups will be allowed to return. Once we have any form of guidance or instruction from the government we will immediately begin putting our plans into place and communicating with yourselves to make sure that parents, pupils and staff are all aware of the plan. Please have some patience with us next week as we will be responding to the news at the same time as yourselves. We will work as quickly as we can to ensure that Northbourne has a clear, safe and sensible solution for everybody over the coming weeks.

What has been happening at Northbourne so far this term?

Alongside caring for a small number of Keyworker children on a daily basis we have also received permission for our decorators to attend the site and begin the much needed redecoration works on the corridor, adult toilets and the hall. This is a job that was meant to happen over the Easter holiday, however, it was postponed as the decorating company obviously closed due to lockdown. Thankfully the work is now able to begin, albeit with a much smaller team of decorators in order to adhere to social distancing. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished job and having a freshly decorated school ready for when the children return!



Faith At Home – CofE Resources

Faith at Home is a national campaign from the Church Of England that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith, something that we practice at school via our daily Collective Worship and our school Christian Values. To help support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people during lockdown, the CofE are promoting their new project called Faith At Home. By following the link below you can read all about it, as well as view a lovely video from the CofE to say thank you to parents, carers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, brothers, sisters – the video simply thanks you for all you are doing. It is titled – ‘Thank you – you’re enough.’ You will also find resources on this website, that are linked to lessons on the Oak National Academy, covering a series of values each week leading up to the summer holiday. This week’s value is “Hope”, which I’m sure you will agree, is very apt for this particular time.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home/i-am-parent>

Thank you again for all of your emails, texts and communications throughout the lockdown period. It is lovely to hear from our Northbourne community and to see all the wonderful experiences you are enjoying together as a family.

Please enjoy a (hopefully) sunny Bank Holiday weekend. Take care and stay safe.

Mr M Reynolds

