



# Northbourne News

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Learning Review meetings

Many thanks to everyone who has logged into ParentMail to make your appointment with your child's class teacher for next week's Learning Review meetings. We hope these give you chance to discuss how your child has settled since September, and hear about their attainment and progress over the term. Early next week, you will be ParentMailed the Zoom link you need to access your child's meeting, so please look out for this and let a member of our office team if you do not receive it.

Some pointers to help get ready for your meetings:

- Please click into your meeting a little while ahead of your scheduled time to help teachers try their best to stick to timings. If you have meetings for several children, you will need to click each different link ahead of each appointment.
- To ensure teachers let the right adults into each meeting, please make sure your Zoom username matches either your name as held on our records or the name of your child.
- Please make sure your camera is turned on.
- Please ensure you have adequate internet connectivity to try to minimise any technical issues.
- Any paperwork discussed during the meeting – like your child's Effort Report for most year groups – will be sent home with your child the day after your meeting.

Meeting remotely ran smoothly (for the most part!) last year so we hope this will be the case again. As always, any feedback about the meetings and the information shared is always welcome so please get in touch after your review to pass on any comments.

## Autumn Discos

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the PTA are busy planning our Autumn Discos which will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November: 5 – 6pm for Reception and Key Stage One and 6:15 – 7:15pm for Key Stage Two. Tickets will cost £1.50 and will be on sale through the Shop on ParentMail from Monday; physical tickets will not be given out, and instead we will keep a list of those children due to attend.

Due to Covid protocols, unfortunately we will not be able to let parents into the hall to stay with children for either of these discos. Please take this into account when deciding if your child would like to attend as we know that, before the pandemic, discos could sometimes be overwhelming when children were attending for the first time. We will do our best to avoid this by, for example, making sure the hall is well-lit and the music is not too loud for the younger disco.

**After-school club:** If your child attends after school club, but still wants to attend the Key Stage One disco, please email the school office ([office.3852@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3852@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk)) and staff will ensure they are taken from after school club to the disco. Get Active have said children will only need to be booked in for the shorter session (until 4.30pm) on this day. On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, after school club will meet in the library; please phone them when you get to the main office door to collect your child and they will be brought to meet you.

We hope your child will be able to come along and join in the fun, and thank you in advance for supporting our fund-raising efforts.

## Welcome to Mr. Van Dijk

Wren class may have mentioned a new adult who has been working with them this week. Mr. Van Dijk will be with us until just before Christmas while he completes his teacher training through Oxford Brookes University. He has already made a great start at getting to know everyone in Wren class, and I know you will join me in making him feel very welcome in our school community for the next few months.

**Squid Game**

A number of pupils have been talking about Squid Game in school this week. You may know this is a drama series on Netflix, which is particularly violent and graphic. Please check your Netflix settings to make sure children aren't accessing this unsupervised, and keep in mind that long clips are already available for children to search and watch on YouTube too. Much of the content would be disturbing if accessed by primary aged children, so please take a moment to make sure your children are safeguarded from this type of content.

**Deadline for online ordering of school photographs**

The deadline for ordering school photographs online for FREE delivery to school is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021. You will continue to be able to order for delivery direct to your home, but this will be subject to a P&P charge.