



Northbourne News

22nd October 2021

School closes today for the half term break. We hope you all have a relaxing week, and look forward to seeing you when we reopen at 8:45am on Monday 1st November.

Learning Review meetings

Many thanks to everyone who attended Learning Review meetings with your child's class teacher this week. These meetings are so important in keeping you informed about the progress your child is making and how they are in school more generally. We hope the information we shared was useful but, as always, please let me or your child's teacher know if you have any suggestions or requests.

We know that, at the moment, it can be harder to have informal face-to-face discussions with your child's class teacher while we continue to negotiate our way through Covid-safe ways of being in school. However, please don't feel you need to wait until these formal Learning Review meetings to mention any concerns or ask any questions. Class teachers and I are always very happy to help discuss anything that you may be uncertain or anxious about. The best way to keep in touch is through our class email addresses; a reminder of these is below. Please always feel free to call or email if there is anything at all we can do to help; we very much value your role as co-educators of your children, and information we have from home is always useful.

Mr. Shaughnessy	Head.3852@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk
Office	office.3852@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk
Nursery	penguins@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk
Puffins and Swans	reception@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk
Robins, Wrens and Nightingales	keystageone@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk
Owls, Falcons and Hawks	lowerkeystagetwo@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk
Kites, Eagles and Kestrels	upperkeystagetwo@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk

Covid Update

I am sure you are aware that cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the local area. We are monitoring these carefully and will continue to do so, as this information will help inform any decision about whether to reintroduce any further protocols or procedures to help us play our part in limiting the spread of infection as much as we can.

While schools no longer play a role in supporting NHS Track and Trace, I would be grateful if you could get in touch using my email address given above if any children receive positive test results over the holiday. As well as wanting to make sure children are well, this information will help with any decision about change that might need to be made on our return to school. Thanks in advance for your help.

Autumn Discos

Disco tickets continue to sold through Parentmail; these take place on Thursday 4th November: 5 – 6pm for Reception and Key Stage One and 6:15 – 7:15pm for Key Stage Two. Please log on to buy tickets if your child would like to join us for these.

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: a reminder that, If your child attends after school club but still wants to attend the Key Stage One disco, we ask that you email the school office (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 4th 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.

Clubs

Covid restrictions permitting we will re-start some after-school clubs from next term, starting with choir and football. Mr. Froud will run Lower Key Stage Two (Y3/4) football from 3 – 4pm on Thursday and Upper Key Stage Two (Y5/6) the same time on Friday; Miss Rawcliffe will lead Choir (Y1 upwards) from 3 – 3:45pm. Places will be limited, and requests for spaces can be made through Parentmail from Monday 1st November. If your child is interested, please log on when we return to school to complete the form.

As term goes on, we will aim to resume other clubs so please continue to check the newsletter for further information.

Singing Stars

Yesterday, some of our Y5/6 pupils were invited to sing at a Harvest Festival event organised by Didcot Community Connectors at Barnes Close Community Centre. They performed their repertoire of Autumn / Harvest songs perfectly, and went on to sing some other songs which we love. Behaviour was excellent as always, and all of the guests in attendance were glowing with praise about our talented group. Huge thanks to Miss Rawcliffe, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Green for organising and leading our involvement in this event...I am sure follow-up invitations will flood in...

Football kits

We were fortunate enough to win a new school sports kit through a competition run by Safesmart at the end of last school year. These were delivered this week; many thanks to Lola, Finn and Cody for being our models for these, and I know you will agree they look very smart! We hope to use these kits for lots of different tournaments and competitions now these are starting to resume again, and would like to thank Safesmart for choosing our entry as the winner.

Flu vaccinations

Please remember that the School Health Nurse team are in school to administer flu vaccinations to children from Reception to Y6 on 4th November. We have reattached the information about how to give your consent for your child to have this vaccination; please do consider opting in to help limit the spread of illness during the Winter.

Whilst Nursery children are not included in this programme and won't receive the vaccination in school, please contact your GP to book a vaccination if you would like one.

