



Northbourne News

12th November 2021

This term's value: Perseverance

"He will be called Immanuel, which means 'God is with us'" (Matthew 1.23)

Anti-bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week and, as usual, we will be reflecting this in our teaching, assemblies and ongoing discussions with pupils. As well as teaching pupils the difference between bullying and unkindness, we always emphasise that we have zero tolerance of bullying at Northbourne and explain to children what to do if they are worried about themselves or a friend. Our pupils are taught that bullying breaks all three of our school rules – to be kind, be respectful, and to be our best – as well as having a significant impact on the child being bullied. In all of these discussions, we make links with cyber-bullying to reflect the use of social media in the world children are growing up in.

Please continue these conversations with your children at home next week; our full anti-bullying policy is available on our school website if you would like any further information (<https://northbourne.oxon.sch.uk/information/school-policies>).

A reminder that, as part of our anti-bullying work, author Sarah Siggs is in school next Thursday to lead workshops, meet children and sign copies of her book *Mud Boy*. Please note we will not be selling copies of this on the day – please buy your copy between now and Thursday and send it in, with your child's name inside; we will then arrange for them to meet Sarah to get the book signed during the day. We look forward to sharing news about our week with you in our next newsletter.

PTA Updates

- Thanks again to everyone who came along to support our disco last Thursday; with your support, we raised over £300. Added to over £100 from the second-hand uniform sale, this has got the fund-raising efforts of our new committee off to a flying start! Details of our next events will follow soon.
- Our PTA are starting work to tidy and develop our courtyard garden. If you have any large plant pots that you no longer want, we would put these to very good use! Please drop them into the office and we will make sure they are passed on.
- On Monday, your children will bring home some instructions for how they can design a Christmas card to be professionally printed. If you would like to be able to send out your child's artwork for Christmas this year, please look out for this in bookbags and rucksacks; to get these printed and back to you in time for the end of term, we will need these back by next Thursday, which we appreciate is a tight turnaround. The PTA will earn commission for every pack of cards (or other products) you order, so please look out for this and support us if you can.

Maths Week

Huge thanks to Miss Rawcliffe, our Maths Subject Lead, and our team of staff for their work planning and leading Maths Week this week. There has been a real buzz around the Maths being learned in school, and some excellent puzzles given to pupils to solve. I heard Ernie in Y1 challenge his class to think about whether a shower or a bath would use more water, and how much water a bath might hold, during my visit to his lesson this week – a great puzzle to think through, involving so many elements of Maths. Please look at the Maths magazine which will be sent home shortly for more information about what we have been learning...

is it
BULLYING?

When someone says or does something
unintentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful and they *keep doing it*
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.

Reminders...

- **Reporting absence:** A reminder to please call school on 01235 817744 to report your child's absence; if you leave a message on the answerphone, please make sure this includes the reason for the absence to avoid us having to call back and bother you. Phase and class email accounts should not be used to report absence, as these are not always checked before the start of the school day.
- **Parking:** Please make sure to park considerately when picking up and dropping off at school. A number of parents have spoken to me about an increase in dangerous parking during Mr. Settle's absence; whilst we look forward to seeing him back in school next week, we do ask that cars are not parked on the junction or zig zags at any point. Thanks for your help with this.

Children in Need

By popular demand, the school council have arranged to bring back Break the Rules day for Children in Need next Friday (19th November). Our 'menu' of rules to break this year is...

1. Wear different shoes (50p)
2. Have juice or squash instead of water (50p)
3. Wear a costume/fancy dress (£1)
4. Wear your pyjamas (£1)
5. Wear crazy socks or tights (50p)
6. Bring in a toy from home (nothing electronic please) (50p)
7. Have crazy hair (dye, accessories, gel, glitter etc) (£1)
8. Wear nail varnish or a temporary tattoo (not on any faces please!) (50p)



Children can break up to 4 rules to support our fundraising, so please choose carefully! We are asking for all payments to be made online at <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5335> or by scanning the QR code above, either on or before Friday. We hope you will be able to support us in raising money for such a great charity and look forward to seeing the children on Friday!

Please note, if your child usually has PE on Friday they will not need to wear their PE clothes to enable them to join in with Break the Rules day.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, and thanks to Miss Murray and the School Council for arranging our involvement in this.

**Remembrance**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year, and to our amazing Y5/6 'salespeople' – Maizie, Olivia, Bella and Charlie. I was really moved by this photo of Roman paying his respects at the Commonwealth graves in Harwell yesterday – what a great demonstration of compassion and thought for others, and someone living our values of love and community.

Talking Space Plus

TalkingSpace Plus is a free, confidential NHS service for adults in Oxfordshire, to help people when they're feeling stressed, anxious or low and we offer our treatments online for your safety and convenience.

Oxfordshire IAPT Service



Overcoming Anxiety & Depression Together

If you feel you would benefit from support please contact our service directly on 01865 901222 or visit www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/talkingspaceplus.

