



Northbourne News

25th March 2022

Once again, I will start the newsletter with a thank you for your generosity. Alice and Emily in Eagles, and Corey, Bella and Daisy in Kites approached me at the start of this term and asked if they could lead some fund-raising for Ukraine. Between them, they worked on a proposal for their cake sale, made posters, checked for permission at home (huge thanks parents for your help!) and then sold their cakes after school on Wednesday – raising an amazing £220. We are all so proud of the compassion and empathy that our pupils show, and this is exemplified in our five Upper Key Stage Two pupils who really do show what living the values of our school looks like. Huge thanks to them, and to those of you who supported their sale this week.



Google Classroom

Since the pandemic, we have increasingly used Google Classroom as a platform for communication between home and school. Staff have found this to be a really useful tool to share work and news from their classes, not least while it has been difficult to physically host parents in school. As we intend to continue to use Google Classroom, you will shortly receive a form through ParentMail asking for your permission for photos, images and videos of your child to be shared – securely, and only with other children and parents in their class – on this platform. Please look out for this form so we can make sure we have up-to-date permissions information; as always, let me know if you have any questions.

PTA Updates

We are really hoping to be able to have an **Easter Disco** this term, with one pencilled in for Thursday 7th April. We are monitoring Covid cases carefully to ensure this only goes ahead if it is sensible to do so, and intend to make a final decision the Friday before the discos – so, next week. Please hold the date in case we are able to go ahead. If the discos do happen, we will hold a non-uniform day on the same day (7th April) in exchange for a donation of chocolate for our tombola during the evening. Watch this space...

Our first ever **Easter Trail** is all planned and ready to go too, and will start on 9th April. You will be able to buy your entry forms from the PTA before school or from Rachel's Café on the run up to Easter; you will then have until 24th April to complete the trail and bring your form back to us at school, where we will draw winners during the first week of next term. We hope this will be something active for you to enjoy over the Easter holiday so please get hold of an entry form and make the most of the Spring weather.

We are having a **Bag 2 School** collection next Tuesday (29th March) – so if you have had a spring clean recently and have clothing items you no longer need, please pop these into the school car park next Tuesday morning where a member of the PTA will take these from you. *Please note we cannot accept donations ahead of Tuesday due to lack of storage.* Items that can be donated are good quality clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, jewellery, socks, belts, soft toys, linen, curtains, towels and bedding; please bag up anything you no longer need and pop it into the car park, ahead of it being collected later in the day. This scheme always helps us generate much-needed funds, so thanks in advance for your help.

Choir

As school life continues to get back to normal, we are really pleased that choir has been able to re-start this term. Children in Y1 upwards are all very welcome to join on Thursday between 3 and 3:45pm. Please let the office know if your child would like to join – Miss Rawcliffe, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Green would love to see you.

Free School Meals eligibility

If your home circumstances have changed recently, your child may be entitled to additional funding through the Pupil Premium. As well as a free school meal, this funding allows us to provide help with school trips, music lessons and other extra-curricular activities. Checking eligibility is really quick – we need your National Insurance number and date of birth. Please speak to me or a member of our office team for more information.