



Northbourne News

1st July 2022

Barbecue thanks

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to support the Summer Barbecue last Friday. It was wonderful to see such a huge crowd turn out for our first summer event in 3 years, and to see everyone enjoying themselves so much. I am sure you will join me in passing on thanks to our small, dedicated and hard-working PTA committee and their families, as well as the other parent helpers who supported the committee, for working so hard in planning, organising and tidying up after the barbecue – without their commitment over this school year, it would not be possible to hold events like this and the discos which children have enjoyed during the year. Thanks, too, to the members of staff who gave so freely of their Friday evening to help run stalls and games, and to our Y6 pupils who planned and ran their own events.

In September each year we hold our PTA AGM to form our next committee. Please look out for a date for this and join us if you can; any offers of help are always gratefully received.

Transition planning

You will receive a Parentmail later today with information about your child's class for next year, and some details about their transition visits on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please look out for this and read through carefully. Pupils will spend next Monday and Tuesday morning, including lunchtime, in their new class, and, as explained in the transition letter, will need to go directly to their new class at the start of the day. The information you will receive gives an indication of where these classrooms are but I will be on the playground as usual on Monday, so please come and let me know if you need an extra bit of direction. Transition can always create anxiety, as well as excitement, and we hope these visits give your child a chance to start to get to know their new teacher.

Parents of children in Penguins who are starting school in September should have received a Parentmail giving details about the arrangements for next week; please look out for this and get in touch if you would like to clarify anything.

Reception Sports Day

A reminder that this year's **Reception Sports Day and Family Picnic** will take place next Wednesday (6th July) from 10:45am; please arrive at the main gate from 10:35am, and members of staff will welcome you and direct you to the field. After watching the sporting activities, parents and family members are welcome to stay and share a picnic lunch on the field – feel free to bring chairs and blankets for this. Please send children to school in their PE kit – including trainers - on this day, along with any clothing appropriate for the weather: a raincoat if it is overcast and a hat with suncream applied if the forecast is for warm weather. Children will head back to class to continue their day at 12pm, but you are very welcome to stay with us until then. If the weather is against us and we can't go ahead, we will Parentmail you before the start of school. Fingers crossed for sunny weather!

Free School Meals

When children reach the end of Y2, they stop being entitled to a free meal at lunchtime. If your child is about to start Y3 and you think you may be entitled to means-tested Free School Meals, we can easily check this – we just need your name, date of birth and National Insurance number. If you would like us to run a check, please email the office or pop in and have a chat with Mrs. Gennery.

Damaged car

A parent has reported their car – a blue Mazda 3 - was damaged at school drop-off time on Wednesday this week. If you saw anything that may help, please get in touch with the office and we will pass on your contact details.

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School Tours 2022

To book a place please use the links on the Open Events page of our website

Tours will take place on the following mornings:

Tuesday, 10th May	Wednesday, 18th May
Friday, 17th June	Tuesday, 21st June
Wednesday, 22nd June	Monday, 27th June
Wednesday 29th June	Wednesday, 6th July

All School Tours 9am - 11.15am



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Open Morning School Tours

for current Year 5 students

9am-10:15am

Tuesday 7th June
 Wednesday 8th June
 Tuesday 14th June
 Wednesday 15th June
 Tuesday 21st June
 Wednesday 22nd June



parking will be available through the Main Gates, Mereland Avenue

to book a tour, please visit:

www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents



We kindly request one adult per family for the tours

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 5th October 2022

5:30pm-8:00pm

Headteacher talks to take place at 6pm and 7pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

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