



Northbourne News

23rd September 2022

This term's value: Community

'God looked at what he had done, and it was good' (Genesis 1:12)

The school year is now in full swing, and we have enjoyed a calm and purposeful week full of learning. I hope you received the curriculum newsletter and homework information for your child's class towards the start of this week; please make sure to read through this carefully, as it contains a lot of information about routines and expectations for your child's year group. Hopefully these letters are useful and answer any remaining questions you may have had about your child's learning for the term, but please remember you are always able to get in touch with teachers using the email addresses below, or to speak to Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Johnston or I on the gate at the start and end of each day.

You will find attached with this newsletter a calendar showing some of the key dates we have planned for the year – we hope this helps with planning busy home diaries, and will send home updates to this when other events are confirmed. While we will do our best not to change any of these dates, occasionally there may be unavoidable circumstances when events need to move. Should this be the case, we will always aim to let you know with as much notice as possible.

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

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At Northbourne, we place great emphasis on our 4 core values of love, community, perseverance and integrity. Chosen in consultation with parents, staff and children, these values underpin our school ethos and help guide how all members of our school community behave and treat each other – we often talk in school about the importance of 'living' each of our values, both in and out of school. Each term, we focus on a different value, exploring its meaning and relevance from a range of viewpoints. As a church school, we always reflect on the Biblical basis of each value, but will also think about what the value means to people of different faiths and of no faith.

We have started the year by thinking about the value of community, initially considering how following our three school rules – be kind, be respectful and be your best – help ensure our school community is a happy, successful one where everyone feels valued and safe. This focus has helped get the year off to a great start, with children getting on well with their friends and behaving impeccably.

Puffins and Swans...

Puffin and Swan class were lucky enough to have a visit from Roo the rabbit last week. Seanne who works at Didcot Pet Store opposite school came to tell us about how to look after rabbits. She made the children an information pack all about rabbits and even set up a colouring competition. We are really grateful to Didcot Pet Store who generously offered all of this free of charge. The children had a wonderful experience that brought their learning to life. The store always has lots of interesting animals for children to look at and they now have a dog wash so you can wash your dog in store. Why not pop over and have a look!

Reception parents: we have attached some information about transition to school from our School Health Nurse team with this newsletter. Please take a moment to have a look through this, as it contains helpful support and guidance around common health-related questions that crop up when children start Reception.

Secondary transition

A reminder to parents of children in Y6 that secondary school applications need to be made by the deadline of 31st October, using the Oxfordshire portal: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>. We will continue to include dates of secondary open mornings and transition events in our newsletter, so please look out for these if you are still making your choice of school; please speak to your child’s class teacher or I if we can be of any help.

Many thanks...

...on behalf of Robyn and her family to everyone who supported her cake sale to raise funds for her Bubble Rush for Helen and Douglas House – thanks to your help, she raised £94.

School Health Nurse support

Our School Health Nurse team work in partnership with us and other agencies to support school-aged children and their families around a range of issues. In the past, School Nurses have helped provide guidance and support around bed-wetting, emotional health and wellbeing, growing up and puberty, healthy eating, managing risk-taking behaviour, and helping manage medications. School staff can make a referral on your behalf to a School Nurse, or you can use the Parentline text number below to contact a member of the team directly. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

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Our Chat Health ParentLine has a nurse responding 9-5 Monday to Friday (exc Bank holidays)

ParentLine 5-11 years

New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending a state school in Oxfordshire

Text 07312 263227
to message a school health nurse

Text School Health Nurses for advice on issues such as:

- diet & healthy lifestyles
- toileting
- sleep
- bullying
- support with behaviours
- general and emotional health

Or scan QR code here to start a chat

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm, Monday-Friday, excluding Bank Holidays. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landline, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). We might inform other relevant professionals if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.