



Northbourne News

11th November 2022

This term's value: Integrity

'Someone more powerful is going to come' (Mark 1:7)

Thank you so much for how fully you have supported our fundraising for the British Legion this week. As always, your generosity has been overwhelming, and I know your donations will be put to very good use. We considered remembrance in our worship on Tuesday, reflecting on the impact war has on so many people. As is always the case, pupils responded thoughtfully and sensitively, showing real empathy towards people directly affected by conflict. I am sure you will join me in saying thanks to the Y5 and 6 pupils who have sold poppies and other merchandise at the start of school this week, and agree that they carried out this role brilliantly.

To coincide with anti-bullying week and Children in Need next week, the School Council have planned our own Kindness Week. We hope the activities which teachers have planned to lead throughout the week will provide some time and space each day for us all to think about the importance of being kind. We will end the week with a **non-uniform day** (spots optional but very welcome!) in exchange for a gold coin donation to support Children in Need; we ask that donations are made through the shop on ParentMail. As always, please call into the office or email (office.3852@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk) if you have any problems with this.

Work celebration

We understand that one of the drawbacks caused by meeting teachers remotely for Learning Review meetings is the lack of an opportunity to look through your child's school books. To give you a chance to look at your child's work with them, we would like to invite you to join us in school for twenty minutes or so to spend time looking at your child's learning. We hope that, alongside your Learning Review discussions from the end of last term, this will give you an even better picture of your child's attainment...as well as giving them a chance to show off how well they are doing. This term, we would like to invite you to join us at the following times:

- Upper Key Stage Two (Kites, Eagles and Kestrels): 9 – 9:25am on Thursday 17th November
- Key Stage One (Robins, Wrens and Nightingales): 2:30 – 3pm on Wednesday 23rd November
- Lower Key Stage Two (Owls, Falcons and Hawks): 9 – 9:25am on Thursday 24th November

Parents of children in Reception (Puffins and Swans) are invited to come along for a Stay and Play session at the start of school on Tuesday 22nd November (9 – 9:45am), to spend time with your child in their classroom and look through some of the work they have completed in Phonics.

For all sessions, please come into school through the main entrance where we will give you a visitor sticker and help you make your way either to the hall or your child's classroom to spend some time looking through their work. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you.

Reminders

A polite reminder that we ask parents and carers not to come into the school building at the start or end of the day; for safeguarding reasons it is important we know who is in school at all times. The best ways to speak to your child's teacher are with an email to their team account or, if you have an urgent message, to pop into the office and we will make sure to pass this on.

Penguin Parents

Applications for places for admission to Reception in September 2023 are now open. If your child is currently in our nursery, please remember that this does not mean they will automatically be offered a space at Northbourne. Applications can be made through the Oxfordshire County Council admissions website (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>), between now and the closing date of 15th January 2023.

School tours run throughout this term; if your child is in Penguins and you would like a chance to look round, please contact our school office to make an appointment.

Our school day

A reminder that children need to be in their classrooms ready to learn by 8:55am **at the latest**...the closer to 8:45am that children can arrive within our ten minute dropping off window, the more time that pupils can have starting their day. Lateness is disruptive for our school office staff, class teachers and, more importantly, embarrassing for the child themselves. The impact of lateness on learning is substantial, as shown by this diagram. Please help your child achieve their very best by making sure they arrive on time, ready to start their day.

