



Northbourne News

4th November 2022

Welcome back to the second half-term of this school year; I hope you managed to have something of a rest over the half-term break. Term 2 is always a particularly exciting one as we head towards Christmas. As always, staff have worked hard on plans for the curriculum for the next six weeks, and these will be shared in curriculum newsletters which will be sent home soon – please look out for these.

Needless to say, volunteers at the Food Bank were thrilled with the donation they were able to collect from us during the holiday – which took two full car journeys to transport to the Baptist Church where the charity is hosted. On the final day of term, food for 100 adults and children was given out – a record number in one day outside the Christmas period, underlining the growing difficulties that many members of our community are facing as we head into winter. The Food Bank is forecasting that 6000 food packages will have been issued by the end of this year – again, sadly, another record high. Your thoughtfulness for those in need is so appreciated – so thanks again for your generosity and kindness.

On the theme of selfless giving, the School Council have planned a week's worth of activities to help us celebrate World Kindness Day this year. The day itself is on Sunday 13th November, and we will spend the week after this with a particular focus on our school rule of being kind. This will end with our helping out the Children in Need appeal on Friday 18th November – non-uniform, with anything spotty being particularly encouraged and welcomed! More details will follow, including letting you know about the activities which each class completes.

Finally, thanks from Natalie Collins to everyone who supported her cake sale for PSC Support and Play2Give; you raised £130 for these charities.

Some reminders...

- A number of parents and neighbours spoke to me towards the end of last term about ongoing issues with parking around drop-off and pick-up time. Driveways of neighbours are consistently being blocked by inconsiderate parking, making it unsafe for children and parents as they arrive and leave at school. Please remember that it is everyone's responsibility to park carefully when arriving at school; thanks in advance for your help with this.
- To help us manage food intolerances, allergies and dietary requirements, we politely ask that sweets are not sent into school to be given out on children's birthdays.

Disco

I am sure you will join me in passing on thanks to the PTA and members of staff who ran yesterday's disco. It was wonderful to see so many pupils enjoying the dancing, games...and visit from pikachu. As you know, we wouldn't be able to organise these events without the hard work and commitment of our PTA committee, parent helpers and staff, all of whom give so freely of their own time to support our fundraising. Thanks to all of you. Planning for our Christmas Disco will now begin – please look out for information about dates and tickets in the newsletter as the term goes on.

You can get your child aged five to 11 vaccinated against COVID-19 during the half term school holiday. This includes children aged five and over (who turned five on or before 31 August 2022) who will be offered first and second paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. Children who turned five on or after 1 September 2022 can only get a first and second dose of the vaccine if they are either:

Choir

A reminder that Choir will re-start on Thursday next week. If your child is in Y1 – Y6 and would like to come along, please fill in the form on Parentmail before 12pm on Monday.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies and other British Legion merchandise at the start of the school day from Monday. Please pop along and make a donation if you are able to.