



Northbourne News

3rd February 2023

The children had a great time dressing up for the NSPCC today; thank you all so much for your very generous donations. We will announce the total raised next week but it does look like it is going to be a substantial amount. With only one week left of Term 3 next week, the children are continuing to focus extremely well on their learning. They will certainly be ready for a week off!

World Book Day

You may be aware that World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. At Northbourne, we do things a little differently to other schools - we don't actually celebrate books and our love of reading on World Book Day! This is normally because the Yr6 are on residential and the Yr5 children are taking part in Bikeability and we like to celebrate the event as a whole school community. This year, World Book Day clashes with another potential NEU strike day. Therefore, we will have our Book Day in Term 5. However, we will be sending your child home with their World Book Day voucher on the last day of this term which they can exchange for one of twelve free books in Sainsbury's, The Works or any other participating retailer from Thursday 16th February. We will also be marking the event in classes, but on a less grand scale. Your child will not need to dress up on Thursday 2nd March, instead they will have the opportunity in Term 5 when we hold the Northbourne Book Day so you may want to keep your eyes out for reduced WBD costumes.

Miss Hill.

Help for Families - Household Support Fund

South Oxfordshire District Council has a Household Support Fund, which is now open for new applications. If you are having difficulty affording food, energy bills and other essential expenses you may be eligible for support.

To apply for the fund by completing an online form, please see the council's website:

www.southoxon.gov.uk/household-support-fund

Anyone in need of emergency support or help to fill in the online form can contact the Community Hub on 01235 422600 Monday to Friday.

PTA

The PTA are holding a *Guess the Name of the Bear* competition on the 6th, 7th and 8th of February before and after school for £1 a go. The prize will be the bear itself and a bag of chocolate goodies. There will also be the opportunity to buy sweetie bags too.

PTA have also requested for any volunteers who are free on Monday 6th from 9.00am to help tidy the garden in The Circle at school. Please do come along if you are able to.

There will be another Copper Drop being held on Friday 10th February so bring along any loose change you have to spare.

Lost Property

Lost Property will be at the front of school on Wednesday and Thursday next week, ready to be claimed.