



Northbourne News

5th May 2023

This term's value: Community

'A seed must die before it can sprout from the ground' (1 Corinthians 15:36)

A reminder that school is closed for the May Bank Holiday on Monday (8th May). I look forward to seeing you in school as usual on Tuesday.

Good luck Y6

Next week will see pupils in Y6 take their end of Key Stage Two statutory assessments, or SATs. Miss Rawcliffe, Mr. Guy and Miss Hill would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the pupils who have really gone the extra mile over the last term or so, spending extra time in school for tuition groups and working hard at home to tackle the homework that has been sent. Thanks, too, to parents and carers for supporting this.

Tests take place during the mornings of next Tuesday – Friday. Please make sure that children are in school, on-time and ready to learn after a good night's sleep, for each of these days, and please contact us at the earliest opportunity you can if you have any problems. We know that pupils will rise to the challenge and really be their best during the week, and I know you will all join me in wishing them lots of luck as they show off all they have learned during their time in primary school.

Y6 Hoodies: We will soon send home information about how you can order your child's Y6 Leavers' Hoodie which, once again, our PTA are generously subsidising the cost of. Please look out for this – there will be a tight turnaround with payment to ensure the hoodies can be printed in time, so please do return the order form and permission for your child's name to be included as soon as you are able.

Key Stage One news

Robins, Wrens and Nightingales are planning a special party to mark this weekend's coronation. For Robins and Wrens, this will take place next Tuesday (9th May); Nightingales will have their party on Wednesday (10th May). On the day of their party, children are welcome to come to school in red, white and / or blue clothes to help mark the celebration.

House Colours

You may remember that, at Sports Day, children in Y1 – 6 compete in one of 4 coloured houses. These houses do not change as children move through school, so if your child has taken part before you may remember what colour T-shirt they wore. We will shortly send home an email telling you what colour house your child is in, ahead of Sports Day on Wednesday 24th May – please look out for this.

Year 6 Transition Information

A reminder that members of staff from St. Birinus School and Didcot Girls' School will be visiting us on **Thursday 25th May** to meet parents and carers of children transferring to these schools in September. These talks, which pupils will also be part of, start at 9am and should last no longer than one hour. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to discuss your son's / daughter's school transfer in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wood at St Birinus School on 01235 814444, email mwood@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk or Melanie Good at Didcot Girls' School on 01235 812092, email mgood@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk.

Y5 Secondary Transition: Although it seems a little early to mention secondary school if your child is in Y5, the deadline for your applications is the end of October...and this rolls around very quickly at the start of next school year. The secondary schools begin to organise tours this term, and we will send details of these along with the newsletter as we receive them. Details about opportunities to visit Aureus and St. Birinus are attached this week.

PTA Updates

Many thanks to everyone who supported our after-school PTA sales this week – I hope you were able to pop along and pick up something new for your garden.

Before and after school next week, the PTA will start selling tickets for the upcoming Family Quiz which will take place on Friday 19th May, 6 – 8pm. More information to follow – it would be lovely to see you all for what I know will be a fun night.

Thanks to our wonderful PTA committee for arranging the recent Easter Eggstravaganza. The entries were amazing and clearly reflected a huge amount of effort at home over the Easter break. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to work on your creations! Thanks to everyone who entered, and congratulations to our winners: Erin in Kestrels with Cirque du Soleg; Hope in Nightingales with Mermaids Excellent Eggventure; and Francesca in Hawks for Eggsotic. I shall avoid adding further egg-based puns of my own...

