



Northbourne News

9th June 2023

This term's value: Love

'I run towards the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven' (Philippians 3:14)

Northbourne Book Day

We had a fabulous day on Tuesday celebrating reading and books; there was a real buzz around the school as the children took part in a range of wonderful book-related activities. It was especially lovely to see children buddy up with a child from a different year group to share their favourite book, and to see children carry their books onto the playground at break and into the school hall at lunch in case the Stop, Drop and Read bell went off. We have also been able to create an extremely popular display in the school corridor showing all the photographs which have been sent in of your children taking part in 'extreme reading'. We are adding more photographs to it all the time and have extended the deadline for this to Monday 12th June as it has proved so popular, so do please continue to email these in to our office.3852@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk, or send in printed copies with your child to give to their teacher.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm in helping us run these events; it is really appreciated. Many thanks, too, to Miss Hill for leading our work to develop Reading for Pleasure, and to our staff for planning such an enjoyable day.

Can you help...we are looking for a small shed or outdoor container that we could use to store our growing stock of Book Swap books in. If you have something which you think might be suitable, please let Mrs. Alleway in Nightingale class know. Thanks in advance for your help.

PTA Updates

The PTA are working hard to make this year's 60th Birthday Barbecue and Summer Fete the best one yet! To help us do this, we have created an online sign-up sheet for any volunteers who can spend any time to help us on 29th and 30th June. Simply go to volunteersignup.org/3WDPH and add your name and email to whichever job(s) you would like to help with and then we will contact you in the next week or so with more details.

As part of our Birthday Barbecue, we are pleased to announce that, by popular demand, the Great Northbourne Bake Off will be returning. More details are on the next page – please have a read through and join us to show off your culinary skills. Our panel of judges are looking forward to enjoying a whole host of your sugary treats, so please do join in.

Curriculum Swimming

Falcons will begin their PE Swimming lessons on Thursday next week, and will then be swimming on 22nd June and 6th and 13th July. On these four dates, Falcons will need to come to school wearing their school uniform and bring their swimming kits with them. For these lessons, boys will need swimming trunks (not board shorts please) and girls will need a swimming costume (one-piece only; bikinis should not be worn). Pupils will also need a towel and a swimming hat – these are available to buy from the school office for £1.

You are welcome to include goggles in swimming kits for the lessons; however, before doing so, please make sure that you:

- Choose a pair with BSI instructions on the packaging for the correct way to put on and take off goggles;
- Choose a pair that fit properly. Leaking goggles are annoying for children and waste lesson time;
- Ensure your child knows how to fit and adjust goggles properly as teachers aren't able to take responsibility for this.

Please ensure your child also has a waterproof coat in school with them in case of rainy weather for the walk to and from the pool. As always, please speak with Mrs. Conway or Mrs. Smith if you have any questions.

Parent lunch

We always try to offer parents of children in Reception the chance to join their children for lunch; due to the routines and regulations we implemented after the pandemic, we weren't able to offer this invitation to parents of children currently in Robins, Wrens and Nightingales. With this in mind, we would love parents and other family members of our current Y1 and 2 pupils to join us for lunch during the rest of this term. This will give you a chance to try some of Tracy's fantastic food, and spend some time with your child and their friends at breaktime. We would love Wren parents to join us on 21st June, Nightingale parents on 29th June, and Robin parents on 5th July. More information and a booking form will be sent home through Parentmail as your date approaches, so please look out for this. We hope you will be able to come along and join us.

Skins and Strings Club

We hope that children in Robins, Wrens and Nightingales are enjoying their djembe drumming lessons with Teach Major on Tuesdays this term. Watching the concentration and enjoyment on children's faces as they master increasingly difficult rhythms is always a joy, and these lessons help so much with so many aspects of learning. Wilbrod, who leads our djembe lessons, will also be running an after-school Skins and Strings (djembe and ukelele) club on Tuesdays from next week until the end of term; a flyer, which includes sign-up information is attached with this newsletter, so if your child is really enjoying their music lessons and would like to continue with these, please take a moment to have a look.

Summer medication

A reminder that school staff are not able to routinely administer non-prescribed medication to children during the school day. We understand that this time of year can be very unpleasant for those of us who suffer with hayfever, and so we ask that, where at all possible, children take any medication they need before arriving at school. In line with our Administering Medicines Policy, available on our website, we ask that children are not sent with medication to keep in their bag to use when needed, as it is not possible to ensure this is done safely when not directly supervised by an adult. Thanks for your understanding with this; if we can clarify anything further, please call into the office or speak to me at the gate.

Upper Key Stage Two news

A slight change to PE days for **Eagles** next week – this will take place on Monday and Thursday, rather than Wednesday. Please make sure your child wears their PE clothes on those days instead for next week.

Next Monday (12th June) is the deadline for online orders for the Y6 Leavers Photograph. Orders placed by then will be delivered for free back to school, so please visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk or contact Tempest direct on 01736 751555 if you have any questions.

Good news!

Many congratulations to Miss Tierney, who welcomed baby Raffy James at the start of this week. I know you will join me in passing on our very best wishes to Mum and baby, and we will look forward to meeting Raffy very soon.

