



# Northbourne News

14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

A reminder that school closes at **1:30pm** next **Wednesday** (19<sup>th</sup> July) (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July for children in Penguins) for the Summer break.

What a busy week! As we head towards the summer, it has been great to see so many parents and family members join us for celebration events this week, including the Y5/6 Nourish and Flourish Showcase on Monday and our celebration of the Youlbury residential for Y4 yesterday; we hope you are as proud of the work and achievements of your children this year as we are.

It was great to chat to children across the school about their transition mornings earlier this week – despite some very understandable nerves about meeting new teachers and classmates, by lunchtime on Wednesday any worries seemed to have disappeared and had been replaced by a lot of smiles. We know it is tricky to find time for teachers to speak to individual parents at the start of these transition visits, so please remember that you can make contact with your child's new teacher using our class email addresses. These were shared in your new teacher leaflets sent home last Friday, but are also included below as a reminder.

A huge thanks for all of your effort for our non-uniform day yesterday – it was wonderful to see so many hippies, astronauts, Michael Jacksons, disco dancers...and Bob Ross. The care and thought that had gone into the outfits was wonderful, and really brought our learning about the history of the decades since Northbourne School moved to Cockcroft Road to life.

As we finish our school year next week, we have a number of Leavers' events to look forward to including our Y6 performance and barbecue on Monday evening and our service at St. Peter's Church. I know these will be a great way to celebrate the achievements of our Y6 pupils as they leave us to move on to their secondary schools; a reminder that you are very welcome to join us in church at 10am on Tuesday.

Puffins and Swans (Mrs. Alleway and Mrs. Stanley): [reception@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:reception@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk)

Robins, Wrens and Nightingales (Miss Kellock, Mrs. Parsons and Miss Richardson): [keystageone@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:keystageone@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk)

Owls, Falcons and Hawks (Mr. Guy, Mrs Conway & Mrs. Smith and Mr. Macfarlane):  
[lowerkeystagetwo@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:lowerkeystagetwo@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk)

Kites, Eagles and Kestrels (Miss Rawcliffe (Mrs. Allmond), Miss Hill and Miss Humphries):  
[upperkeystagetwo@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:upperkeystagetwo@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk)

## **Colour Run: postponed**

In light of the forecast for heavy rain throughout this morning and afternoon, the PTA and I have decided to postpone this until **next Tuesday afternoon**; hopefully, this will make for a more pleasant, enjoyable experience than trying to dodge the rain would allow this afternoon. With this in mind, please send children to school in the same clothes they have worn today (old, light-coloured clothes that you don't mind getting messy), with wraparound sunglasses / goggles if you would like. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of your sponsorship for our run – this morning, the total stands at a whopping £1,018. If you are able to spare a contribution, we would be really grateful; a reminder that you can do this through <https://gofund.me/4e545274>.

## **Road safety**

With the summer holiday upon us, thoughts will soon turn to transition to secondary school for our Y6 pupils. Getting themselves to school – possibly for the first time on their own – will be one of the challenges they face. The summer holiday is the perfect time to plan journeys for the new term; the attached leaflet, produced by Oxfordshire County Council, gives lots of practical tips and advice which might be useful, so please have a look through if your child will be making their way to school on their own in September.

**School uniform**

This would seem to be a good time of year to think about school uniform in preparation for next year. An outline of our school uniform is below. We expect all pupils to come to school dressed smartly in the following clothes:

Uniform item	Available from...
School sweatshirt (emerald green with school logo) <b>OR</b> plain emerald green jersey or cardigan	Jumpers and cardigans with logo available from school through Parentmail; plain jumpers and / or cardigans generic and widely available from retailers
White shirt, white polo shirt (with a collar) or white blouse	Generic; widely available
Dark grey skirt or pinafore <b>OR</b> dark grey or black trousers or shorts <b>OR</b> green and white checked summer dresses	Generic; widely available
Shoes or trainers in a dark colour, preferably black with no coloured laces, logos or other additions. Where trainers are worn, these should be smart and appropriate for school. White trainers should not be worn <b>OR</b> Summer sandals, if enclosed at the heel and toe	Generic; widely available
Plain white, grey or black socks or tights.	Generic; widely available
<b>For PE:</b>  Green school PE T-shirt Black or dark shorts or jogging bottoms Jumper, hoodie or sweatshirt in colder weather ( <b>not</b> school jumper) Trainers (not plimsolls)	PE T-shirts available from school through Parentmail; All other items generic and widely available

Please note, we do not have a set policy on the times of year different items – such as shorts, summer dresses and sandals – can and cannot be worn; instead, we ask parents to use their discretion and ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather. It is really helpful if you can ensure all items of clothing sent to school are clearly labelled – things inevitably go missing during the course of a normal week, and clearly named items of clothing can be easily returned to their owner.

Your child's PE days will be sent home in September; on these days, children should come to school dressed in their PE clothes rather than their school uniform.

Logo-ed items of uniform continue to be sold through the school office, rather than local uniform shops, to enable us to keep the price of these that is passed on to you as low as possible. A small number of items will increase from September to recognise the higher prices we are now paying for these: PE T-shirts will increase to £5.50 or £6 depending on the size; bookbags will increase to £6; and PE bags to £5.

Jewellery, except for a watch or single pair of stud earrings, should not be worn for health and safety reasons.

In addition, it is strongly recommended that any shoulder length hair is tied back. This is to try to help limit the spread of head-lice between pupils, as well as ensuring hair is kept out of children's faces as they are trying to work.

We are always on the look-out for any old, good quality uniform for our second-hand uniform shop – please think of us if your child is in year 6 and are leaving us. Items can be donated through your child's class or the office. Dates for our second-hand uniform sales next year will follow in September; we remain very grateful to our PTA for organising and running these.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Library staff joined us on Wednesday to explain more about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This started last weekend, so please remember to have a look on the website (<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>) and pop along to the library to get involved.