



Northbourne Park News



Friday 6th December 2019

Issue 11

Message from the Headmaster

The Christmas Fair on Friday was a great success, thank you if you came along and a very big thank you to everyone who helped set up, run the fair and clear away, we really appreciate the support.

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 classes for performing a wonderful Christingle, they learnt a lot of songs and poems off by heart.

Tomorrow at 10 am we have our Advent service in Northbourne Church, you are very welcome to join us.

Our final week of term is a busy time, a lot of fun events for the children but also some final pieces of work to complete. I wish you all a restful weekend. Good luck if you are playing on Super Sunday

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic Christmas Fair, photos in next week's newsletter.

We have unclaimed prizes for the raffle which can be collected from the Prep School. The winning numbers are:

yellow – 416	yellow – 189
yellow – 120	yellow – 115
yellow – 153	green – 7
green – 105	green – 107
green – 121	

Geography

Year 6 children pushed back the tables to make space for some map reading activities. They were making up their own festive-themed puzzles for each other using 6-figure grid references!



Pre-Prep

It has been a busy week at the Pre-Prep, along with practising for our Nativities, we have had our Parent Craft afternoon and a Street Dance taster!

The Book Fair has been a great success. The winners of the "Get Caught Reading" competition were Louisa Yap, Attica Robertson, Magnus Whyte and Niamh Bridgett. The winners all received a £5 voucher to spend on books.



Please check the calendar for events happening throughout the last week of term.



Christmas Truce Trip to Ypres

Last Friday, the senior pupils visited Ypres in Belgium for the Christmas Truce tour. They met a WW1 'recruiting sergeant' who was keen to persuade them to sign-up for the British Expeditionary Force followed by another sergeant who talked them through a new recruit's kit including rifle, puttees, helmet and the famous trench coat. For lunch they tucked into a trench meal made up of vegetable stew and Belgian sausage. Later at Plugstreet Wood cemetery, the tour guide showed us the location of trenches where the truce between German and English soldiers took place. At the Hooze Crater Museum, they re-enacted the truce and our pupils joined in with a rendition of 'Silent Night'. After an evening meal in Ypres town, the tour culminated with the Heads of School laying a wreath in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, the memorial for over 54,000 soldiers who died in Belgium and have no known grave.

The pupils were exemplary throughout the day and the tour had a powerful impact on them, often raising more questions than answers.





We are very grateful for your continued support of the Deal Foodbank, it makes all the difference especially this time of year.

Pre-Prep Book Fair

Well done to the Pre-Prep for their Book Fair this week and thank you to all of you who bought books.



Boarding

This week the boarders have started all festivities! Our Christmas advent calendar beginning on Sunday started with some lovely chocolate biscuits! Since then we have had a busy week decorating gingerbread trees, posing for a Christmas photo shoot, alongside a pizza treat in the boys house and some festive socks for the girls! We are looking forward to our annual Christmas party at the weekend and also the Advent service and Super Sunday!



Christingle

Thank you to the Year 3 and 4 children and their teachers for their Christingle in the School Chapel on Tuesday, a wonderful way to signal the start of the Christmas period.



Beanie Hats

To keep all the children warm this winter we have beanie hats with the school logo on sale at both the Pre-Prep and Prep School.




NORTHBOURNE PARK SCHOOL
 DAY & BOARDING SCHOOL FOR NURSERY TO 13 YEAR OLDS
Christmas Holiday Club
 Christmas card making
 Decorations and craft making
 Festive baking
 Reindeer making (Thursday morning)
 Christmas party and games (Friday)
 Monday 16th December to Friday 20th December
 8.30 am to 4.30 pm
 Early service from 8.00 am / Late service until 6.00 pm
 To book a place follow the link on the school's website:
<https://www.northbournepark.com/events.aspx>
 or telephone: 01304 611215
 Northbourne Park School, Betteshanger, Deal, Kent CT14 0NW

Dates for the Diary

DECEMBER

WEEK 14 REVIEW WEEK

Sun 8 10.30 Advent Service at Northbourne Church
 14.00 Super Sunday

WEEK 15 REPORTS WEEK

Mon 9 09.30 Squirrel & Rabbit Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal
 Tues 10 09.30 Squirrel & Rabbit Class Nativity
 14.30 Hedgehog & Badger Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal
 Wed 11 08.30 Squirrel Class Coffee Morning
 09.30 Hedgehog & Badger Class Nativity
 15.30-16.30 Prep uniform shop open
 16.00-17.30 Childrens' Disco for Years 2-8
 Thurs 12 13.30 Pre-Prep Trip to Sarah Thorne Theatre to see "Cinderella"
 18.30 Choir rehearsal at Eastry Church
 Fri 13 09.30 Readers' rehearsal
 16.00 Whole school carol service at Eastry Church.
 Term ends after the service
 Sat 14 Accompanied travel to London and Paris for Boarders
 Fri 20 End of Term for Nursery
 Wed 25 10.00 Christmas Day Service in the School Chapel



Thank you to everyone who attended the Wreath Making Workshop. See you all next year!