

Northbourne Park News



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Message from the Headmaster

Welcome back to everyone, I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break. The Lent Term has got off to a fine start and the children have settled well after the holidays.

I'd like to welcome Mrs Nicole Marsh, our new Nursery Teacher and Mrs Dee Byford who is looking after the two year olds. In the Prep School we have new Gap Students, Ned Stevens and Sara Morrison from Australia. A warm welcome also to our new children and their families.

Work starts very soon on our new sports pitch and should be completed this term, an exciting upgrade of our facilities. I look forward to catching up with you all at some stage this term.



One of the most successful initiatives we launched has been supporting the local Foodbank. We are as ever grateful for any donations you can drop in either at the Pre-Prep or Prep School.

Pre-Prep

The spring term got off to a great start at the Pre-Prep. Clubs have started this week with Street Dance and Mini Tennis offered after school and Lamda tuition during the school day.

Class topics for this term will be: Squirrels – Winter, Rabbits – Dinosaurs, Hedgehogs -Africa and Badgers – Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

This week we have a French Breakfast for Rabbit and Badger Classes on Thursday, from 8.30am in the Hall. It is a great opportunity for the children to practise using French phrases. Please come along and enjoy it with the children. The French Breakfast will be in place of our regular Wednesday Coffee Morning. French Breakfast for Squirrel and Hedgehog classes will be on Thursday 23rd January.



Holiday Club

We had a fantastic time in our Christmas Holiday Club. Each day the children had a range of activities, including wreath making, Christmas cards, baking and building reindeer with the Headmaster. It was the perfect way to start the holidays. I thank you to Mrs Morton and her helpers for a great week.



Boarding

Happy New Year from the Boarders! We have enjoyed returning to school this week, catching up with everyone after the holidays and starting our new term off well! The children were busy on Mystery Monday with the boys taking part in English games in the gym, while the girls got their memory jar out and relaxed after deciding a few house resolutions for 2020. This week we have begun new boarding clubs including a stop animation club, relaxation and much more! On Friday evening we enjoyed a whole group game of Wacky Races, working well in teams and testing our balance skills. We are looking forward to the term ahead, watch this space to see what we get up to!



STEM

Saturday STEM has begun with new topics for this term. The Year 5s made some magnetic slime while senior pupils were building alarms and everybody enjoyed a session out in the woods.



Art

To celebrate the forthcoming Chinese New Year, Year 5 children have been very creative in Art this week making their own fabulous oriental masks.



Dates for the Diary

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| Mon 13 | WEEK 2 |
| Wed 15 | 14.15 Boys Rugby: Colts vs Junior King's School (JKS) (A)
1st Team vs JKS (H)
15.30-16.30 Prep uniform shop open |
| Thurs | 16 08.30 French Breakfast Rabbit and Badger Class |
| Fri 17 | 16.30 No Prep. Long weekend begins |