



The Northam Newsletter

The Northam Schools' Federation - St George's C of E Infant and Nursery & St Margaret's C of E Junior School



FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

Continuing my E-Safety theme, I would like to draw your attention to a new issue that has arisen. You may be aware of the app, Roblox. Recently, Police visited a school in Kent and were shocked by the number of pupils using the game - and what they have seen on it. During the school visit, the children disclosed to the officers that they had 'online friends' in the free app that their parents did not know about. Many of them said that their accounts were 'maxed out' meaning that they have 200 friends. Following the visit to the school, police sent a letter to parents warning them that children who play the game can be sent 'inappropriate' private messages while also being able to chat to others via their headphones. In the Kent school, half of the Year 1 children and 70% of Year 2 were playing the game, designed for users between 8 and 12 years. Most of these children disclosed that they had online friends in Roblox that their parents didn't know about. Many of the children stated that they had received in-game messages from strangers and hadn't told their parents. All of the children said that they had seen naked characters walking around the game doing very adult things. Please can we ask that you check your child's account and look to see if they have friends that you do not know. Enjoy a safe and peaceful weekend.

Claire Cole - Executive Headteacher



CHANGE OF MENU

Thankfulness Class have chosen the following "Saxon" Menu for Friday 9th February:
 Sea Hag Salty Cod/Battlefield Veggi Burger/Warrior Tuna Wrap/Catapulted Jacket Potato Severed Heads.
 Chips/Pasta/Battle Baked Beans.
 Hearts On Shields (pancakes & ice-cream).
 Thank you to our amazing kitchen team for their creativity and enthusiasm!

REMINDER

Please can we remind you that both schools follow the Healthy Schools menu for school dinners. Sweets and chocolates should not be brought in as part of packed lunch. At St Margaret's in particular we have noticed some children with large sharing bags of sweets and chocolates in their lunchboxes. These are not really appropriate for a school lunchtime. Thank you for supporting us with this.

NURSERY

The Nursery staff would like to say a big thank you for all the donations of phones and keyboards. They now have plenty of these but would be very grateful for any donations of plastic or wooden kitchen utensils (no blades) for use in their mud kitchen. Please could you see if you have any spares that they could make use of.

YEAR 3

Year 3 teachers would be grateful for donations of cardboard from any cereal boxes and empty plastic milk bottles (2, 4 or 6 pint) next week. The Year 3 children will be making Egyptian masks using these materials.

BURTON ART GALLERY

Congratulations to Aidan in Reception who has won an individual prize in the Schools Exhibition on display at the Burton Art Gallery for his 'Big Spider'! The exhibition is still on display so, if you have not had chance to look at the wonderful art work on show, please pop in. More details about this exhibition can be found on the Burton Art Gallery website.

NORTHAM LIBRARY EVENTS

On Monday 5th February from 1.30pm - 3.00pm Northam Library will be holding a Toddler Time event. This event is free but donations are welcome. Booking is recommended,

call 01237 475111. A reminder also that the 3D Printed Keyrings Workshop will take place on Monday 12th February 2018. 1.20 - 3.00pm for adults and 3.30 - 5.00pm for children aged between 8 and 12 years.

FOOTBALL & MONKEY BARS

Just a reminder that, for health and safety reasons, there should be no football played on the top playground at St Margaret's before and after school. Also, please can we ask that the children are reminded to not climb on top of the monkey bars. The safety matting beneath them is only designed to cushion a fall from 'hanging height'. If a child were to fall from standing or sitting on top of the bars it is likely that they could be quite seriously injured. We would really appreciate parents' support in enforcing this.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday

- MONDAY:** 10am - Mrs Cole in a meeting. Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival at Bideford College. PM - Mrs Cole in a meeting.
- TUESDAY:** Mrs Cole out all day.
- WEDNESDAY:** 9am Mrs Cole & Mr Lewis in a meeting.
- THURSDAY:** AM - Mrs Fulford out. PM - Mrs Fulford in a meeting.
- FRIDAY:** Miss Taylor out all day.

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