



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 11TH OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents

The themes for our collective worship this week have been 'peace' and 'sharing'. We have discussed the importance of finding time within our lives to reflect on whether our thoughts, words and deeds which may have been shared with others, have contributed to the creation of a more peaceful world. We agreed that it is important for us all to apologise to others when we have been unkind and also highlighted the fact that once an apology has been given we must strive not to repeat the same action in the future. In what seems to be an increasingly fractious world, we have committed ourselves to trying our best to establish peace and harmony both at school and home.

Many of you are aware that the Appledore Book Festival has recently taken place and we always take advantage of the opportunity to welcome a number of authors into both schools within the subsequent Appledore Book Festival Schools' week. This week Duncan Beedie, Guy Bass and John Townsend presented a range of their books to children in Reception Stage, Year 4 and Year 2 respectively.

The importance of reading should never be underestimated and the benefits are immeasurable. Broadening our imagination, enhancing our sense of creativity, improving our range of vocabulary and simply providing us with a sense of joy are just a few of the numerous positive outcomes which can be achieved through reading regularly. If you have any questions relating to your child's reading then please, in the first instance, ask your child's class teacher.

I look forward to meeting many of you during your child's parents / teacher consultations.

Best wishes Mr. Jim Williams (Headteacher)

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

St George's children should now have also brought home log in details for the new on-line parent's evening booking system. Dates are as follows:

Year 1: 15th October 2019

Year 2: 17th October 2019

Year 4: 14th October 2019

Year 6: 17th October 2019

Please use the system to book appointments where possible. Any problems please let either school office know.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don't forget school photos at St. George's on Monday 14th October. Parents who want their children to have family photos please come to the hall from 8am. Nursery photos 9am for any children not attending Nursery on Monday.

ALDI STICKERS

Please don't forget your GB Aldi stickers when shopping at Aldi. We are trying to fill charts in both schools.

DINNER MONEY

At the moment we have several children who have a large amount of dinner money arrears for dinners taken at St. Margaret's. Can we please remind you that dinners need to be paid for either on the day taken or in advance. We cannot allow credit as this has a direct affect on our school budget which is monitored by Devon County Council. Dinners cost £2.20 per day - £11.00 weekly. Money can be paid either by cash or cheque in a **named** envelope. Moo Milk is available daily at a cost of 30p. Juice cartons are also 30p. Please can we ask that you do not send your child in with £5 or £10 notes to purchase these as it is not

necessary and we also do not have the change available. If you think you have an outstanding balance for dinners and are unsure how much it is please contact the school office. If individual dinner money arrears persist then we will be asking for packed lunches to be provided.

GLIDDON & SQUIRE

Good luck to all the children taking part in a second Gliddon and Squire Cross Country event this Sunday.

SPECIAL MENU

Hope Class have chosen the following 'Topic' Menu as follows for Thursday 17th October:
Roman/Italian - Pepperoni Pizza
Word War 2 - Vegetable Stew
Greek - Fill your own Pitta! (hummus, feta, ham, salad)
Cavemen - Campfired Chicken with Corn on the Cob.
Baked Beans/Sweetcorn/World War 2 Wedges/Italian Pasta.
Steamed Pudding & Custard served with Wild Berries.

TOPIC DRESS UP DAY

Don't forget that children at St. Margaret's can come to school on Thursday next week dressed in their year group's topic themed clothes.

CERTIFICATES

Well done to the following children who all received awards in Celebration and Golden Book Worship this week:

Class Teacher Award: Alice K, Rufus A, Jasmine H, Scarlett W, Alfie P, Laila B, Shayla F, Casey M.

Healthy Eating: Kamran B.

Marvellous Manners: Gracie M, Polly, Beau, Mya, Harrison, Hayden & Olivia.

Swimming: Imogen B, Raffy H.

Reading Challenge: Hope G

Horse Riding: Matilde L

Seahorses: Rihanna.

Starfish: Poppy & Xavier

Skylarks: Hazel

Sandpipers: - Rayner & Beau

WE BREAK FOR HALF TERM AT 3.20PM ON FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME:

MONDAY: PHOTOS AT ST. GEORGES. Mr Ovey out - cover Mrs Wallace. Miss Moores out all day - cover Mr Lester. AM - Mrs Davis in meetings. PM - Year 4 Parent/Teacher Meetings. 2pm - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

TUESDAY: Mr Ovey out - cover Mrs Wallace. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Year 1 Parent/Teacher Meetings.

WEDNESDAY: Mr Ovey out - Mrs Mitchell to cover. AM - Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangley in a meeting. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. 2.45pm - Year 6 WW2 Celebration. PM - Mrs Davis in meetings.

THURSDAY: Mr Ovey out - Mrs Mitchell to cover. **ST MARGARET'S TOPIC DRESS UP DAY.** AM - Mrs Fryers out - Mrs Wallace to cover. PM - Year 2 & Year 6 Parent/Teacher meetings. PM - Year 4 Celebration Event. Pm - Mrs Davis in meetings.

FRIDAY: Mr Ovey out - Mrs Wallace to cover. Mrs Fulford out. Mrs Moreton in the office all day. 9.00am - Stay & Play. Year 1 - visit from Exmoor Zoo. Stephen Shield Cross Country.

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