



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 6TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all. I hope that you have managed to enjoy some quality time together as a family. The children have returned to school full of positive energy and demonstrated an immediate eagerness to learn. It is always hugely motivating to witness the children's desire to learn and make the most of the many new opportunities which are planned for them this year.

On meeting many of you over the past three days, it has been encouraging to hear so many positive comments related to the developments of both school sites over the Summer holidays.

- The reconstruction and modernisation of the Year 2 classes at St. George's is now well under way. Your support of these works in following the temporary pick-up and drop-off arrangements is greatly appreciated. The project is scheduled to be completed by October half-term. I will keep you abreast of the developments.
- As many of you will be aware, the crossing on Jackets Lane has been significantly improved. There is now a clarity of where to cross the road. The new curbing and markings have enhanced the overall safety of the crossing. It would appear that the staggered start and finish times for both schools has reduced the volume of adults and children crossing at the same time.
A reminder for those parents of children at St. Margaret's please note that the gates will open at 8:35 a.m. They playground will be supervised from 8:40 a.m. As from Monday, the children will move directly into their classrooms at 8:50 a.m. and will not be lining up on the playground.
- The conservation / wild life area and the 'reflection garden' at St. Margaret's have both been renovated, revitalised and revived. Both areas look magnificent. Staff and pupils are so appreciative of the significant time and efforts invested in these projects since June by a group of extremely hard-working and supportive parents and friends of the school. We are offering our sincere thanks to all those involved in the project this afternoon. Thank you once again.

Next week, I look forward to sharing with you news of our revised vision statement and motto.

Enjoy your week-end. Mr Williams (Headteacher)

WELCOME BACK

We hope you all enjoyed the summer break and that the children are rested and ready for what normally is a very busy term. We would like to welcome our new members of staff, Miss Amy Frost, Deputy Executive Headteacher and Mrs Rachael Moreton, Administrative Assistant at St. Margaret's.

REMINDERS

We thought it would be useful to list a few reminders:

Fruit can be brought in for fruit break and children need a water bottle which can be re-filled in school if necessary.

Could you ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school every day of the week and a named coat for playtime and lunch-time.

It would be helpful if dinner money at St. Margaret's could be brought to school on a Monday in a named envelope. Payment must be made weekly in advance or on the day. The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 (cheques payable to Devon County Council) There is no parking in either school car park **UNLESS** you are picking up a sick child. Also, for

the safety of our children, please do not use the car park or the area in front of St. George's as a turning area.

Please remember that at St. Margaret's children have a home/school diary that can be used to communicate with the class teacher if you are unable to come into school. At St. George's if you are unable to see the teacher please speak to the ladies in reception who will pass messages on.

If you have changed address or mobile phone number over the holidays please let us know. Finally please be reassured that all safeguarding issues will be dealt with immediately by a member of the

senior leadership team - all of whom have undertaken full training.

GCSE ENGLISH

Petroc College will be holding a free GCSE English course for parents every Tuesday morning (term time only) at the Bideford Bay Children's Centre. The course starts on 17th September and enrolment is on Tuesday 10th September at 9.30am. For more information email the course tutor Ruth Moss (ruth.moss@petroc.ac.uk) or contact the Children's Centre on 0330 041 5494.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME:

MONDAY: New Reception children stay for lunch. PM - Reception New Parents' Meetings.

TUESDAY: 9.00am - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Mrs Davis out. PM - Year 2 swimming.

WEDNESDAY: 9.00am - Mr Williams in a meeting. AM - Year 6 visit to Northam Burrows. 1.30pm - Mr Williams in a meeting. 6pm - PGL Meeting.

THURSDAY: 9.30am - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

FRIDAY: 9am - Stay & Play at St. Georges.

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