



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 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

To learn every day, to help each other and to be happy.

At St. Margaret's, this week, we have been thinking about individuals in our lives who act as an inspiration. The children debated how high profile celebrities, such as Ariana Grande, can inspire us through their actions. She handled the atrocities surrounding the Manchester bombings with compassion and she demonstrates a commitment to supporting a number of different charities. The children were then given the opportunity to identify less well-known individuals who they find inspiring. It was extremely interesting to listen to the children describe a range of different people: friends who work in the health sector, parents, older relatives and carers. The children's responses were very reassuring in that they clearly place great importance upon the merits of service and duty.

At St. George's we have also been considering the season of Advent which begins at the week-end. The birth of baby Jesus impacted upon our world to such an extent that even though 2000 years have passed, the importance of the Christmas Story remains undiminished. For Christians, Jesus' life on earth also acts as an inspiration for us to make our world a fairer, safer and more forgiving place.

As we enter the festive season of Advent, we aim to strike a balance between remembering the Christian messages associated with the birth of Jesus and at the same time, celebrating Christmas in a fun and celebratory manner. We very much hope that you will be able to join us at some of the events detailed below.

Enjoy the week-end, Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fayre in the foyer between year 5 and 6 at St. Margaret's from 5th to 10th December. The fayre will be open between 8.35am - 8.50am in the morning and 3.10pm - 3.30pm at the end of the day. There will be bookcases of books suitable for both infants and juniors. Please feel free to come along and browse for Christmas ideas etc.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Christmas Performances will be held on the following dates:

Reception: 9.30am & 2.15pm on Monday 9th December

Year 1: 2.00pm & 5.30pm on Wednesday 11th December.

Year 2: 2.00pm & 5.30pm on Thursday 12th December.

Lower School: 2.30pm & 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th December.

Upper School: 2.30pm & 6.00pm on Tuesday 17th December.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There is a change to the timings of the St. Margaret's Service and the St. George's Service on 20th December as follows:

St. Margaret's Carol Service - 9.30am

St. George's Christingle - 11.00am

FONS DISCO

Tickets for the FONS disco will be on sale at a cost of £1.50 from either school office next week. The disco will take place on Thursday 19th December.

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

If you have not yet returned your data collection forms updating the contact details we hold for your child could you please do so as soon as possible. Could you please ensure that we are given details of two emergency contacts. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Order forms for school Christmas dinners have now been given out to all children. As you will see the kitchen are trying out a different 'Christmas Buffet' menu this year. For children at St. Margaret's and in the Nursery, FONS have kindly agreed to

pay for the meals. St. George's children will receive their universal free school meal as usual. Could all orders be returned to school by Monday 9th December. Thank you.

CERTIFICATES

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

Class Teacher Award: Mabel H, Ella T, Ben C, Jameson D, Alfie v, Erin B, Bella D, Ella D-B, Henry H, Max J, Lola G, Mia B, Lily C, Caden B, Caitlin S, Chase P, Seb R, Harry P, Zoe G, Isla S, Lee P, Freddy W, Lola G, Tevis S, Neil P, William L, Max W, Lucas W.

Seahorses: Xia, Calin.

Starfish: Freddie.

Skylarks: Emily W, Ben.

Sandpipers: Lillie.

Marvellous Manners: Cody G, Oliver T, Jack W-W.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: PEACE/BIRTHDAYS

MONDAY: AM - Miss Lobbett out. PM - Mrs Davis out.

TUESDAY: Sandpipers visit to Appledore Art Studio. 9.30am - Mr Williams in a meeting. 2.00pm - Mr Williams in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY: Scholastic Book Fayre. AM - Nursery in the Wilderness & Forest. 3.30pm - Mr Williams in a meeting.

FRIDAY: 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Reception in the Wilderness & Forest. PM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

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