



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 13TH MARCH 2020

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

Coronavirus update

Yesterday the Government issued the latest following guidance: **anyone with a "new, continuous" cough or high temperature is now advised to self-isolate for seven days, as the UK government moves to the "delay" phase of its plan to tackle coronavirus.** Should any child show these symptoms then please follow this advice. We will support your child by providing them with work to be completed during this period of time.

The Local Authority and DfE are communicating with all schools on a daily basis, we will continue to follow this advice and guidance and provide key updates to our provision, as and when appropriate. See overleaf for additional coronavirus information. **At this moment in time both schools will continue to function as normal.**

St. Margaret's OFSTED Inspection

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, two OFSTED inspectors carried out a section 5 inspection of St. Margaret's. The report will highlight many strengths of the provision at St. Margaret's as well as providing us with clear steps as to how we can further enhance the quality of education. I very much look forward to sharing the findings with you. The overwhelming support which many of you offered via your responses to the online parental questionnaire has been greatly appreciated; as are your suggestions of areas requiring development. It takes approximately 30 days for the full inspection report to be written, checked for accuracy and undergo a process of quality assurance.

Collective Worship

The theme of the week has been that of temptation. We discussed with the children that Lent is a time when many people try to turn a negative into a positive by striving to demonstrate kindness, forgiveness and love to everyone, at all times. A high aspiration indeed!

I hope that you enjoy your week-end. Best wishes, Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher).

WACKY JACKET DAY

Year 4 have chosen the following 'Wacky Jacket Day' lunch menu for Wednesday 25th March.

- Jacket Potato & Chicken Korma
- Jacket Potato & Veggie Curry
- Jacket Potato & Beans & Cheese
- Jacket Potato & Tuna & Cheese
- Jacket Potato & Houmous & Salad

This will be followed by Pancake & Mango Ice-Cream.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Next week we will have Bideford College year 10 Work Experience students in both schools.

CAB FAMILY FUN DAY

The Citizen's Advice Bureau are holding a family fun day between 12noon and 3pm on Wednesday 1st April at the Bideford Rugby Club. There will be craft stalls, tombola, music and food. Between 2pm and 3pm there will be tag rugby sessions. For more information and to register your tag rugby team please contact caya@ruraldevoncab.org.uk or phone 07584318142.

FAMILY BINGO –APRIL 16TH 2020

Following on from last year's very successful FONS Bingo evening, we

are planning a family bingo evening for Thursday April 16th at 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Mr Williams will again be Bingo Caller. Requests for help have been sent out via parentmail today for support in organising this event.

PLYMOUTH AQUARIUM TRIP

We are hoping to take all the children from St. Margaret's to Plymouth Aquarium on Wednesday 22nd April. Letters have been sent out requesting a voluntary contribution of £16.70. If possible could you please return your contribution and form to St. Margaret's next week so we can ascertain whether the trip will be financially viable. Many thanks.

MEDICINE

Just a reminder that if you wish your child to have medication in school a form must be completed at the school office.

2020 DATES

- Last Day of Spring Term** - 27th March 2020
- First Day of Summer Term** - 14th April 2020
- Bank Holiday - FRIDAY** 8th May 2020 (VE Day)
- Half Term** - 25th May - 1st June 2020
- Last Day of Summer Term** - 17th July 2020.

CERTIFICATES

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

- Class Teacher Award:** Abi B, Amelia J, Zoe G, Rowan P, Thomas L, Colson R, Lily C, Holly K, Lucy L.
- Starfish:** Aurora, Lola-Rose.
- Seahorses:** Olivia, Storm & Heidi.
- Sandpipers:** Hayden.
- Skylarks:** Archie & Olivia.
- Kick Boxing:** Makayla G.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: FORGIVENESS

MONDAY: PM—Mrs Davis in a meeting. 1.00pm—Mr Williams in a meeting.

TUESDAY: AM—Mrs Davis in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY: 10am—Mr Williams in a meeting. PM—Mrs Davis in a meeting.

THURSDAY: AM—Year 6 Basketball. AM—Year 5 ACCT Cricket Festival.

FRIDAY: Year 5 Coding Challenge. 9.00am—Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM—Reception in the Wilderness and Forest. 2.00pm—

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