



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 JANUARY 2019

I trust that you have all been able to enjoy your Christmas celebrations and have managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. On speaking with both the children, a number of parents and colleagues alike, it appears that we all appreciated having a few extra days of holiday after the New Year celebrations. The children have certainly returned to school refreshed and eager to learn.

Many of you will be aware that during the Christmas holiday, Mary Braid tragically passed away. Mary was a Director of CAN Play who, since September, have provided after-school care for the children within the Federation. Mary was extremely well-known within the local community and will be greatly missed. She had a long history of working with children and an absolute commitment to ensuring that the needs of young people were being met. Our thoughts and prayers are with her immediate family and friends at this extremely difficult time.

The theme for this week's Collective Worship has been 'Going for Goals' in light of the start of the new calendar year. On Monday I discussed with children the aspiration of setting personal targets which are positively framed e.g.'I will be physically active for 20 minutes each day' as opposed to'I will not play on my play station as much'. In order to help us set ourselves a personal target, we then discussed how we could try to follow Jesus' example of treating others as we wish to be treated ourselves: it was agreed that we would all try to smile more often!

Finally, please be aware that there are significant roadworks scheduled to take place between Northam and the approaches to Heywood Road roundabout from January 21st. It is our understanding that these works will last for approximately one month.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

REMINDERS

Welcome back to all after the Christmas break. Can we just remind you of the following:

- As this term is normally cold and wet could you please ensure that your child has a coat in school each day.
- All children should have a P.E. kit in school each day as P.E. lessons sometimes change. The kit can be collected on a Friday for washing over the weekend.
- Ear-rings need to be removed before P.E. lessons - if your child cannot do this on their own please remove before they come into school.
- Don't forget to ring school as soon as possible in the morning if your child is ill. New government guidelines state that we may have to make a home visit if we cannot contact the parents of an absent child.
- If you wish the school to give your child prescribed medication then a form must be completed at the school office.
- Dinner money should be paid in advance or on the day. We cannot allow arrears to

build up and text messages will be sent to remind parents when no payment has been received.

2019 DATES

February Half Term - 18th - 22nd

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Last Day of Spring Term - 5th April

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First Day of Summer Term - 23rd

April 2019

Bank Holiday - 6th May 2019

Half Term - 27th May - 3rd June 2019

Last Day of Summer Term - 19th

July 2019

FLU CLINICS

The following Clinic has been organised by Virgincare for children that have missed their school flu vaccinations:
15.1.19 - 3.30pm to 5.30pm at
Springfield Court, Fishleigh Road,

Barnstaple. The online consent form needs to be completed beforehand and emailed to

vcl.immunisationphnprimary@nhs.net with the subject heading Community Clinic Booking Request. If you are unable to book online please contact Virgincare on 01392 356141/145/144.

CLUBS

A list of clubs for this term is currently being drawn up. Letters will be sent out next week with the clubs starting the following week.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Devon Libraries are holding Creative Writing Clubs for children aged between 8 and 12 years. First workshop will be on 26th January from 10-11am. Booking is essential. To book and for more details please ring 01237 475111.

The Week Ahead: COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: FRIENDSHIP

MONDAY: 9.00am - Mr Williams in a meeting. 12noon - Mr Williams in a meeting. 5.15pm - Resources Meeting. 6.30pm - Governing Body Meeting.

TUESDAY: Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop. Parents' Presentation at 2.30pm.

WEDNESDAY: AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. 3.30pm - Mr Williams in a meeting.

THURSDAY: Mrs Davis out all day. AM - Mr Williams out.

FRIDAY: 11am - Winter Stay and Play in the Community Room.

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