



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 7TH FEBRUARY 2020

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

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Inspection of St. George's

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs Daphne Spitzer (SIAMS Inspector) to St. George's. She spoke with a large number of children, staff, governors and parents. Mrs Spitzer observed teaching, joined us within an act of collective worship, observed children interacting inside and outside of the classroom, looked at children's work and scrutinised key documentation. We will receive a comprehensive report after the half-term break; suffice to say we are delighted with the outcome of the inspection. The children were fantastic throughout the day and were a credit to the school and yourselves. Needless to say, the report will be made available as soon as it is received from the SIAMS central office.

Sporting participation

This week a large number of children at St. Margaret's, have been participating within a range of sporting activities / events. On Sunday, children competed in the highly competitive Gliddon and Squire cross-country event. A group of 25 children represented the school in a Primary Sports festival held at Bideford College on Wednesday and then on Thursday, 14 children from Year 3 and 4 competed within a tag-rugby competition also held at Bideford College. Year 5 and 6 pupils have been taking part in 'Bikeability' sessions throughout the week. As we all know, it is really important that children are physically active; the benefits are immeasurable. Congratulations to all of those children who have been involved within these events and activities.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

GLIDDON & SQUIRE

Congratulations and well done to all the Gliddon and Squire Runners. There have been some great results with both Jessica and Caden finishing in the top 10 overall. All the runners showed great determination over 6 races in some difficult weather conditions. The Under 9s girls team finished in 5th place and the Under 9s boys in 6th place. The Under 11 boys team finished in 4th place. Individually the children scored points in each race they ran. Caden achieved a silver medal coming second overall and also received a gold medal after winning the North Devon Cross Country Championships.

NHS ADVICE

The government and NHS have released some public information regarding the Coronavirus and asked schools to pass on. Basic advice is to carry tissues with you use them to catch your cough or sneeze, bin the tissue and to kill germs wash your hands with soap and water or sanitiser gel. For people who have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers. Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus.

LOST PROPERTY

One of our year 6 boys has lost a pair of white size 4 reebok trainers. Could you please check that your child hasn't brought them home by mistake. There is also a large amount of lost property in both schools. Please pop in before or after school and have a look before we close for the half term.

2020 DATES

February Half Term - 17th - 21st

February 2020

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.

SCARLET FEVER & THREAD WORMS

Please be aware that we have received reports regarding scarlet fever and thread worms in children across the federation.

CERTIFICATES

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

Class Teacher Award: Eliza H, Nathan H, Zoe G, Maya-Rose f, Tilly N, Casper L, Lenny B, Keira M.

Seahorses: Mustafa, Emily-Jean.

Skylarks: Isla.

Starfish: Oscar, Lacey, Harrison.

Sandpipers: Kaleesi.

Marvellous Manners: Warrick I, Jordana L, Riley W, Jack H.

Healthy Eating: Chloe M.

Hall Helper: Romani E, Makayla G.

Horse Riding: Romani E.

Running: Caden B.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: COMPASSION

MONDAY: PM—Year 2 Library Visit.

TUESDAY: PM—Mrs Davis in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY: AM—Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangley out. Mrs Moreton & Mrs Colwill in the offices. AM—Year 4 Badminton.

THURSDAY: AM—Year 5/6 Netball.

FRIDAY: Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM—Nursery Open Day. PM—Reception in the Wilderness and Forest. PM—Year 1 Dinosaur Exhibition. 2.45pm—Mr Williams in a meeting.

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