



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 8TH FEBRUARY 2019

With the afternoons becoming longer and with the knowledge that snow drops can be seen to be growing within the hedgerows, there is evidence that Spring is nearly upon us. This is always an exciting time of year as we look forward to lengthening days and being able to enjoy our local environment on a more regular basis. We are always discussing with the children the privilege of living within such a unique part of the world and I regularly consider my good fortune as I look across towards Saunton and Lundy Island.

Whilst considering the many physical, social and emotional benefits to be gained from the 'great outdoors', it is interesting to read of new guidance issued yesterday by the UK's four chief medical officers in relation to limiting time looking at screens, by both adults and children. Key advice taken from the recently published article includes: not using phones and mobile devices at the dinner table - talking as a family is very important for development, keeping screens out of the bedroom at bedtime, talking as a family about keeping safe online and about cyber-bullying and what children should do if they are worried, not using phones when crossing a road or doing any other activity that requires a person's full attention, making sure children take a break from screens every two hours by getting up and being active and parents policing their own use of phones / screens.

It is left for us all to consider the extent to which we act upon the advice offered above. Thought provoking indeed!
Enjoy your weekend! Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

VALENTINE MENU

Hope Class have chosen the following 'Our Food of Love' menu for Thursday 14th February:
Heart Breaking Cheese Burger/
Romantic Italian Cheese &
Tomato Pizza/Lovable Hot Dogs/
Snuggly Cuddly Teddy Taddies.
Cupid Potatoes/Party Pasta.
Bestie Beans/Very Sweet Corn.
Kissable Pancakes & Cold Hearted Ice Cream.

NUTS IN SCHOOL

Can we remind parents again that we strive to be nut free in both schools. This includes nut based spreads used in sandwiches such as peanut butter and Nutella. Can we ask that you bear this in mind when you are preparing your child's packed lunch. Many thanks.

BIKEABILITY & LEARN TO RIDE

There are various bikeability and learn to ride groups taking part throughout next week. Please check you child's individual letter to find out which day and which group they are in.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Devon Libraries are running a Creative Writing Club for children

aged between 8 and 12 years on Saturday 9th February from 10am to 11am. Booking is essential on 01237 475111

DATES

February Half Term - 18th - 22nd February 2019
Last Day of Spring Term - 5th April 2019
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

CERTIFICATES

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

Class Teacher Award: Emilia S, Kobi F, Lola W, Rosie L, Evan B, Neave B, Rowan P, Lucas B, Sennen H, Lola RG.
Sports: Jayden W, Rowan S, Sammy B, Daniel H, Lily P, Connie S, Summer E, Neave B, Eloise W, Jasmine W, Freya D.
Swimming: Caden B.
Horse- Riding: Romany E-H.
Roller Skating: Ella D.
Starfish: Oliver.
Seahorses: Liam P.
Sandpipers: Jared.
Skylarks: Warrick.
Marvellous Manners: Calin, Charley B, Ethan C.

Can we please remind you to ring in when your child is absent. Government guidelines say a home visit should be made when no reason for absence is received. Thank you.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: GENEROSITY

MONDAY: AM - Mrs Davis out. 11.00am - Mr Williams meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.
TUESDAY: AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.
WEDNESDAY: AM - Mr Williams out. AM - Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangley out. PM - Mrs Davis out.
THURSDAY: AM - Mr Lewis in a meeting. PM - Mrs Williams & Mrs Stephens out.
FRIDAY: Mrs Collins, Mrs Stephens & Mrs Hooper out. 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest. **LAST DAY BEFORE THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY.**

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