



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 22ND MARCH 2019

Earlier this week I spent the day in Exeter working alongside other leaders of schools whose schools are also aligned with the Exeter Diocesan Board of Education. As I am sure you are all aware, both St. George's Infant School and St. Margaret's Junior School are Church of England Schools whose aims and mission statements are underpinned by a Christian ethos and set of values.

Over the next few months we, as a school community, will be reviewing these aims. If you would be willing to share your thoughts and ideas in regard to this consultation process, then please leave your name and contact details with the school office. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st May at 6 p.m. Your support with this important task would be greatly appreciated.

As we enter the final two weeks of the Spring Term there is still much to be achieved both inside and outside of the classroom. Please take note of the number of key dates detailed below. We are very proud of the St. Margaret's School Choir who will be performing at the Bideford Schools' Choir Concert which will be held next Tuesday evening at Bideford College. We also wish our gymnasts every success at the North Devon Schools' gym competition which takes place this coming Sunday.

I am extremely grateful for the commitment of the staff who give of themselves tirelessly in providing these exciting opportunities for the children.

Enjoy your week-end

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

BIG PEDAL

Don't forget The Big Pedal starting on 25th March to 5th April. Classes will record how many children scoot, cycle or walk to school each day. Numbers will be entered on-line and the federation will compete with other schools across the country. There is the chance to win prizes daily for the federation and we will also have our own intra-school competition to see which class has the most active travel. So let's get pedalling. (Children have to walk, scoot or cycle 50% of their journey for it to be counted).

BURTON ART GALLERY

The Burton Art Gallery are now exhibiting some of our Federation artwork along with other artwork from other schools. The exhibition dates are March 16th to April 22nd.

SIGNPOST

SIGNPOSTplus is a universal information service for families of children with additional needs in Devon. They have a facebook page @SIGNPOSTplus and a webpage <http://devon.integratedchildrensservices.co.uk/signpostplus> which gives details of groups, services and weekly information. The North Devon area contact is Amanda Smithson on 01392 384459 or amandasmithson@nhs.net.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

All parent/teacher consultations have now taken place apart from Reception which is on Wednesday 27th March.

Nursery will also be holding parents meetings throughout the week. If you were unable to attend your appointment please contact your child's class teacher to see if a new appointment can be made.

HEADLICE

We are starting to get reports of head-lice again across the federation. Could you please take some time to check your child's hair this weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you.

RED NOSE DAY CAKE SALE

Thanks to all who donated cakes and supported the FONS cake sale in both schools last Friday. We will let you know how much was raised.

FONS DISCO

FONS will be holding an end of term disco next Friday 29th March in the St. Margaret's hall. Tickets will be available on the door at a cost of £2.00 each. Times are as follows:
3.30pm - 4.30pm: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (parents to stay please)

4.45pm-5.45pm: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

6.00pm-7.00pm: Year 5 and Year 6 CERTIFICATES

Due to interviews there was no Celebration Worship at St. Margaret's or Golden Book Worship at St. George's last week

Marvellous Manners: All of Butterflies and Dragonflies. Anya F, Lily-Anne C

Congratulations also to the Gliddon and Squire Cross Country runners who have taken part in several events this year.

DATES

Year 4 Celebration Event - 4th April at 2.30pm
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

THERE WILL BE A MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE IN ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY 31ST MARCH AT 10 AM.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: THE EASTER STORY

MONDAY: AM - Mr Barnard out - Miss May in Trust. AM - Mrs Davis in meetings. 1.15pm - Nursery Parents' Meetings. 1.30pm - Mr Lewis in a meeting. 5.15pm - Resources Committee Meeting. 5.30pm - Governing Body meeting.

TUESDAY: AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. AM - Nursery in the Wilderness and Forest. PM - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Bideford Schools Choir Concert at Bideford College. 2.00pm - Nursery Parents' Meeting.

WEDNESDAY: PM - Reception Parents' Meetings/Nursery Parents' Meetings.

THURSDAY: Mr Malyn out all day. Mrs Sykes to cover. Miss Gander out. Mrs Jackson to cover. 5.00pm - St. Margaret's Band performance in the hall.

FRIDAY: 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest. PM - Nursery Parents' Meetings. **3.30PM - 7.00PM - FONS DISCO**

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