

Northam Schools' Federation Newsletter.



FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2020

“TO LEARN EVERY DAY, TO HELP EACH OTHER AND TO BE HAPPY”.

Headteachers' Update

INTERNET SAFETY

A number of staff have shared with me concerns relating to children in their class playing games on the internet, which are not age-appropriate. The most obvious example of such a game is Fortnite, which should not be played by any child under the age of 12. The body which oversees the categorisation of online video games, state that this categorisation is due to the 'frequent scenes of mild violence' on Fortnite. Whilst we regularly provide the children with internet safety advice, the UK Safer Internet Centre (along with many other supporting bodies) strongly advise that parents closely monitor children's internet use in the home. Visit the following links for parental advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>. Accompanying this newsletter is specific advice and guidance relating to video games.

BEHAVIOURAL POLICY

Since our return to school in September, we have been embedding our new behavioural policy. An 'easy-to-read' parental update of this will be shared with you next week. In principle, in order 'To learn everyday, to help each other and be happy,' we need to be ready to learn, be respectful of others and stay safe: **Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe**

ACCESS TO St. GEORGE'S

There has been a delay in the delivery and installation of the new gating system. I will update you of the revised arrangements as soon as the works have been completed.

Enjoy your week-end. Best wishes, Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations need to be returned to either school office by Friday 23rd October. If there is a need for an election we will let you know after half term. We also require two foundation governors. If you wish to be considered for this role please let us know.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Telephone parent consultations were completed very successfully this week. If you did not make an appointment and wish to speak to your child's class teacher please let the school office know.

CHARITY TIME TRIAL ROUND 2

This is a Covid friendly Cross Country event planned for children in year 3 upwards. The event supports two local charities, local heart screening for 14-35 year olds in association with Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) and the Hartland branch of the British Legion. The event takes place on Sunday 25th October from 11am—2pm at Carn

Brae, Abbotsham, EX39 5AP (near the Big Sheep). The Kids Junior course is 1.8km, Kids Senior 2.6km & Adults 3.2km. Bookings need to be made in advance by 21st October. The link for bookings is <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-time-trial-round-2-tickets-122868598285>. The entry fee is £6 plus a booking fee of £1.02.

HALF TERM ACTIVITY

There will be a free, self-guided Halloween themed trail on Northam Burrows throughout the half term week. Download a map and head outdoors to find creepy creatures and strange sculptures. Solve clues to reveal secret words. For more information and the full leaflet including maps visit the Northam Burrows website. The leaflets will also be shared using social media. Printed copies will be displayed on the Westward Ho! Toll booth and at the visitor centre.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Just a reminder that due to problems with suppliers, Wednesday is now jacket potato day (with a variety of fillings) and not a roast dinner day.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Can we just remind you that the one way system at both schools is still in place. We have had several parents voicing concerns about adults who have been walking out of both schools through the wrong exit. Please could we ask that for all our safety you follow the system.

PARKING

We have been made aware of a few incidents regarding parking over the last week. Please can we ask that you are mindful of our school neighbours when you park at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu immunisation for St. Margaret's takes place on 13th November. We are waiting for a date for St. George's to be confirmed. The link to register your child is on both school websites.

INSET DAY

Just a reminder that Friday 23rd October is a staff training day and children will not be in school on this day.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME FOR NEXT WEEK: *Aspiration*



The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.

— Michelangelo

AZ QUOTES

KEY DATES

Non Pupil/Staff Training Day—Friday 23rd October 2020
Half Term Week—Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2020
Christmas Holiday—Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021 (Children return to school on Monday 4th January)

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