



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 18TH OCTOBER 2019

This week really has been incredibly busy with so many events taking place: 'end of topic' celebrations, parent teacher consultations, school photographs and the construction of 'bug hotels' to name but a few! I really have appreciated the opportunity to meet with so many of you at some point over the past two weeks during your child's parent /teacher consultations. It has been so encouraging to listen to the many positive comments made by both yourselves and staff about your children.

These meetings have given us the opportunity to not only celebrate successes achieved since the start of the year, but also share with you aspects of your child's schooling which if developed, could enhance their rate of progress. This time spent together is incredibly important and therefore if you have been unable to attend a meeting then please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Today, a large number of children have been awarded certificates for outstanding attendance. Well done to you all! This reward system will take place at the end of every half-term.

Finally, it is anticipated that the building works at St. George's will be completed by the end of next week's half-term break. Therefore, we are hopeful that we can revert back to our original drop off and pick up arrangements i.e. around the front of the school.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday October 28th.

Thank you for your support this half-term.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

HEADLICE

We have had some cases of headlice reported, particularly in year 3. Can we ask that you take the opportunity to check your child's hair during half-term and treat if necessary. We have the following advice from the school nurses on treatment:

"Wet combing" is a very successful method for the detection and treatment of head lice. This removes the need for organophosphate lotions.

1. Wash hair in the normal way, or wet completely.
2. Massage a generous amount of conditioner into the scalp and hair
3. With the conditioner still in, comb the hair to get rid of tangles.
4. Using a "nit" comb, comb section by section from the roots to the ends.
5. Any lice found on the comb should be removed. Dispose of any lice you find.
6. After combing the whole head, the conditioner should be rinsed off.

This programme can be used to detect head lice early and should be done at least twice a week. If live head lice are found on the head the programme should be repeated every other day for at least two weeks, or more until no more live lice are detected.

FONS MEETING

The next FONS Meeting will be 2pm on Thursday 31st October in the Community Room at St George's, all welcome.

MORNING SNACK

Several children are bringing fruit yo-yo's and other similar products into school for their morning snack. Please can we remind you that snacks should only be fresh or dried fruit or veg.

POP-UP SPORTS

On Thursday 24th October at Kingsley School Pop-Up Sports have a day of sports, 9am-10am Gymnastics, 10am-11am Team Games, 11am-12pm Hockey & Basketball, 12pm-1pm lunch break & sports quiz, 1pm-2pm Inflatable Sports, 2pm-3pm Dodgeball. Bookings via their website www.pop-upsports.co.uk There is 15% off using this code: northamschools15

ARC

ARC are offering free badminton sessions on Sunday 3rd November. No need to book - just go along and have some fun. They will also be offering kids badminton coaching starting on 14th November.

ARC will also be offering free tennis taster sessions to pre-school children aged between 3 and 5 at Affinity Devon. Again no need to book, just join ARC members at the Ampitheatre on Thursday 24th and Thursday 31st October between 10am and 11am.

CERTIFICATES

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

Class Teacher Award: Kingsley D-G, Amelia J, Rowan W, Eliana K, Oliver J, Dylan S, Georgia R, Kaci Y, Ava D, Cameron P, Skyla B, Lola R-G, Roxy B.

Healthy Eating: Lenny B.

Marvellous Manners: Aimee F, Isla, Delilah-Rose, Ivy, Jamie, Brooklyn & Griffin.

Gymnastics: Imogen B.

Seahorses: Olivia & Mia

Starfish: Harvey & Gabriella

Skylarks: Max

Sandpipers: Mickey

HALF-TERM

We break for the half-term holiday today at 3.20pm. Children return to school on Monday 28th October 2019.

The Week Ahead: COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: THANKFULNESS

MONDAY: Mr Ovey out - Mrs Wallace to cover. AM - Miss Lobbett in a meeting. PM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

TUESDAY: Mr Ovey out - Mrs Mitchell to cover. Mrs Eggleton & Miss Moores out. Mrs Wallace & Mrs May to cover. AM - Mr Williams out.

WEDNESDAY: Mr Ovey out. Mrs Mitchell to cover. Mr Williams in interviews all day. PM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

THURSDAY: Mr Ovey out. Mrs Wallace to cover. Miss Fancourt out. Miss May to cover. Miss Lobbett out all day. 9.00am - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

FRIDAY: Mr Ovey out. Mrs Wallace to cover. Miss Fancourt out. Mrs Mitchell to cover. 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest.

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