



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 MARCH 2019

Last night (Shrove Tuesday) I enjoyed being treated to some pancakes! This in itself may not appear to be worthy of a mention within the newsletter but when I add that these pancakes were cooked by our youngest son, who rarely ventures into the kitchen (other than to eat copious amounts of food), I hope that you can understand my excitement at this event and my desire to share this news with you! I very much hope that you have all also managed to enjoy this tradition, which dates back to the 16 century. For Christians, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, mark the beginning of the season of lent.

Within Monday's Collective Worship at St. Margaret's, staff and pupils discussed the ingredients required to make a pancake. We then considered the ingredients which are necessary, if we are all to create a more peaceful, caring and tolerant world. We agreed that the following recipe is one which we can all aspire to follow within our lives if we are to proactively contribute to a loving world: 50g of compassion, a pinch of quiet, 1 large smile and 2 heaped tbsps of kindness. Food for thought!

As you are aware, we have been celebrating World Book Day across the Federation this week. Quite simply, the aim of this event is to ensure that children of all ages are given the opportunity to appreciate reading and to encourage them to explore the pleasures of books and the power of the written word.

Within the school setting we commit a significant amount of learning time to reading; one aspect of which is listening to stories. In doing so, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

It was wonderful to see so many of you coming into to school this morning and supporting our celebration of World Book Day. Thank you!

Enjoy your week-end.

Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

COMIC RELIEF MENU

Peace Class have chosen the following 'Comic Relief' menu for Friday 15th March:

- Beef Burgers with a splash of chilli red sauce.
- Cheesy Grin Pizza Faces.
- Funny Fingers of Fish with a Dollop of Ketchup.
- Happy Jackets/Chirpy Chips/ Pantomime Pasta.
- Dessert: Pancakes with Scrumptious Strawberry Icecream.

Further information regarding Comic Relief will be sent out early next week. We can confirm that the children will be expected to come to school as normal, wearing school uniform.

FRUIT BREAK SNACKS

Could we ask that snacks brought in for fruit break are in a separate container and not in lunch-boxes. These can then be kept in the classrooms - lunch-boxes are stored in a different area. Thank you.

TREES

We have some trees that we need to identify. If you have any knowledge of the different species could you please help us out.

FONS MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Northam School on Monday 11th

March at 1.30pm at St. George's school to discuss future events. All welcome to attend.

DATES

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

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent/Teacher meeting dates are as follows. You should all now have received letters asking which time slot you would prefer.

Year R—Wednesday 27th March

Year 1—Tuesday 12th March

Year 2—Thursday 21st March

Year 3—Wednesday 20th March

Year 4—Wednesday 13th March

Year 5—Thursday 21st March

Year 6—Tuesday 19th March

CERTIFICATES

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

Class Teacher Award: Megan C, Logan C, Harry M, Josh G, Mason G, Jackson P, Finn B, Devon K, Bella D.

Devon School Games: Lee P, Jay L-W.

Bikeability: Alicia B, Jasmine J, Lily H, Alfie F, Tobias L, Joseph S-C.

Rugby: Max J.

Adventure Trail: Charlie D.

Swimming: Erin B.

Brownies: Maya-Rose F.

Starfish: Robyn.

Seahorses: Sam.

Sandpipers: Matilde, Maya.

Skylarks: Elijah

Marvellous Manners: Maddison C, Olivia C, Tevis S.

The Week Ahead: COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME:

MONDAY: 11am - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Mrs Davis in meetings. 1.30pm - FONS meeting.

TUESDAY: Mrs Davis out all day. PM - Year 1 Parent/Teacher Consultations. Miss Chugg & Mrs Harrison to cover. PM - Mr Lewis out.

WEDNESDAY: AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. 1.20pm - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Year 4 Parent/Teacher Consultations. Mr Diskin & Mrs Baddick to cover.

THURSDAY: AM - Year 1 Multi-Skills Festival at ARC. PM - Mr Williams in a meeting. Mr Malyn out all day. Mrs Sykes to cover.

FRIDAY: Mr Williams in meetings all day. Mr Malyn out - Mrs Harrison to cover. 9am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. Upper School Choir Singing Development Day. Mrs Sykes covering Mrs Fryers. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest.

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