



# The Northam Newsletter

The Northam Schools' Federation - St George's C of E Infant and Nursery & St Margaret's C of E Junior School



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*To learn every day, to help each other and to be happy.*

I have recently been showing a number of prospective parents around St. George's who are considering where to send their child to school in September 2020. It is always a delight to walk around both schools at any time to observe pupils and staff alike, immersed within the learning process. The prospective parents were particularly impressed with the way in which the children in Reception were engaged within their daily phonics session. I was asked how, as a parent, they could help and support their children in learning to read. The following points were shared as simple yet highly effective ways to promote reading at home:

- reading aloud to your child on a daily basis, talking about the words and pictures, and sharing ideas about the book
- reading oneself – children who see adults reading, and enjoying it, are much more likely to want to read themselves
- surrounding children with books – you don't need hundreds of books at home, but go to the library or bookshop regularly to borrow books, spend time together, browse and make choices. In this way, reading becomes a habit.

If you have questions relating to your child's reading then please speak with your child's class teacher.

Our theme this week within Collective Worship helped us to focus on the importance of putting others first. The children's support of the Children In Need appeal was a good example of this. We discussed the story surrounding the sinking of the Titanic and how the lives of many women and children were saved as the result of many passengers putting the welfare of others before themselves.

Finally, you will see that we have now planned a date for the Christmas discos which are being organised alongside a group of parents from FONS. The changes made to the arrangements of school discos are all aimed at enhancing of the safety of all pupils when attending the discos as well as when they are being picked-up and dropped-off.

Have a great week-end,

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

## ROTARY SHOE BOX SCHEME

Thank you to those who have already returned shoe boxes for the Rotary scheme. We still have boxes available in both offices. The Rotary Club have agreed to now collect boxes on Monday 25th November.

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Christmas Performances will be held on the following dates:

**Reception:** 9.30am & 2.15pm on Monday 9th December

**Year 1:** 2.00pm & 5.30pm on Wednesday 11th December.

**Year 2:** 2.00pm & 5.30pm on Thursday 12th December.

**Lower School:** 2.30pm & 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th December.

**Upper School:** 2.30pm & 6.00pm on Tuesday 17th December.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There is a change to the timings of the St. Margaret's Service and the St. George's Service on 20th December from last week's newsletter as follows:

**St. Margaret's Carol Service - 9.30am**

**St. George's Christingle - 11.00am**

## FONS DISCO

FONS met last week to discuss future events. It was agreed that due to a lack of members it would not be possible to hold a Christmas Fayre this year. Instead a Christmas Disco will be held on Thursday 19th

December in the St. Margaret's hall. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 from 3.45-4.45pm and Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 5.00pm - 6.30pm. For reasons that are explained in the Headteacher's section we would like parents to drop off and pick up only. Adult support at the disco will be provided by school staff and existing FONS committee members. Tickets will for the disco will be on sale from either school office week commencing 2nd December.

## YEAR 2

Year 2 will soon be making pirate ships and have asked for the following materials to be donated, plastic tubs, milk bottles, wooden canes/sticks, small cardboard boxes & string. Thank you.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need last Friday. There were some wonderful outfits and Pudsey Bear

decorating entries in both schools. At the moment the total raised has reached £500 across the federation.

## CERTIFICATES

Well done to the following children who all received awards in Celebration and Golden Book Worship this week:  
**Class Teacher Award:** Raivis B, Maya-Rose C, C.J. L, Emilia S, Ellie-Mae W, Evie J, Lily G-S, Finn T, Jared S  
**Seahorses:** Amy.

**Starfish:** Harrison & Maddison.

**Skylarks:** Aidan.

**Sandpipers:** Livvy.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to all the children running in the Gliddon and Squire cross country event at West Buckland this Sunday.

## SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Well done to the Athletics team who won yesterday's event and now qualify for the final in January.

## **The Week Ahead:**

### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE/ADVENT**

**MONDAY:** AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

**TUESDAY:** Skylarks to visit Appledore Arts Studio. PM - Reception Parents' Evening.

**WEDNESDAY:** Miss Fancourt out all day. Mrs Wallace to cover. Mrs Fryers out all day. Mrs Burns to cover. AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. 9.30am - Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangle in a meeting. AM - Nursery in the Wilderness and Forest. 2.00pm - Mr Williams & Mrs Nicholls in a meeting.

**THURSDAY:** Mrs Eggleton out all day. Mrs Burns to cover. 9.00am - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Flu Vaccinations at St. Margaret's.

**FRIDAY:** Mrs Eggleton out all day. Mrs Burns to cover. 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Reception in the Wilderness & Forest.

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