



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 14TH DECEMBER 2018

This week it has been a privilege and a delight to watch all of the children at St. George's participate within their respective Christmas performances. For those of you who were able to join us at these events, I very much hope that you also enjoyed the productions. As I mentioned within last week's newsletters, I am confident that these events will have provided the children with long lasting memories. The opportunity to stand up on a stage and perform to an audience will also have enhanced the children's self-confidence. Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming many of you to the St. Margaret's Lower School and Upper School productions. As I write this piece for the Newsletter, the Friends of the Federation are busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre. I am confident that this event will be as successful as last Friday's FONS discos. I am extremely appreciative for the support of the FONS. We will continue to focus on the Christmas Story within our acts of collective worship. Next week's theme is that of peace. We will be discussing with the children the importance for us all to be more tolerant and understanding of each others' values and needs. With 'BREXIT' dominating our news, it is easy to ignore or miss the stories of the many individuals, groups and nations affected by conflict and aggression. At this festive time of the year, as we consider the impact of the life of Jesus on our world, we celebrate the message of hope for a more peaceful world. Finally, there is promising news from the Northam Town Council re: Jackets Lane. It is our understanding that improvements of the existing pedestrian crossing will take place in April 2019. Visit <https://roadworks.org/?109519400> for more information. Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

LOWER SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Due to the large number of children in the lower school at St. Margaret's we will be putting on an extra Christmas performance for parents. There will be three performances on 19th December - 9.30am - 2.30pm & 6.00pm. Can we ask that you attend only one of the performances Thank you.

A reminder that the other performances and dates are as follows:

Upper School: 2.30pm & 6.00pm on 18/12

St. Margaret's Carol Service (in St. Margaret's Church): 9.30am on 21/12

St. George's Christingle (in St. Margaret's Church) 11am on 21/12

CHANGE OF MENU

There will be a change of menu at both schools on Thursday 20th December as follows:
Jacket Potato with sausage & beans, cheese & beans, tuna & sweetcorn or chicken & mayo.

Beans/sweetcorn. Apple Syrup
Sponge & Custard.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL/ SERVICES

St. Margaret's Church will be open at the following times to enable people to look at the Christmas trees.

15/12 - 10am-4pm

16/12 - 1pm-4pm

17/12 & 18/12 - 10am-4pm

19/12-6pm-10pm

The Crib Service (with Bobby the Donkey) will be held at 4pm on Christmas Eve with Midnight Communion at 11.30pm

CAKE SALE

Thank you to all that contributed towards the cake sale last week. Approximately £200 was raised for the local family who need to purchase a mobility scooter.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

There will be a chance for children to see Santa at the FONS Christmas Grotto in St. George's hall from 3.30pm on Thursday 20th December.

ST. MARGARET'S CHOR

Well done to the members of the St. Margaret's Choir who have sung exceedingly well at all their performances, in particular, the Northam Men's Forum on Thursday.

CERTIFICATES

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

Class Teacher Award: Ruby M, Emila S, Bailey T, Casper L, Alfie P, Toby W, Millie H-R, Bethany L, Lavinia L.

Gym: Daisy F & Leah G.

Swimming: Mila K, Maya W, Layla B.

Skylarks: Amelia & Lexie.

Starfish: Hallee.

Sandpipers: Oliver.

Seahorses: Isla M.

OTHER DATES

Last Day of Term - Friday 21st December.

First Day of Spring Term - Monday 7th January 2019

February Half Term - 18th - 22nd February 2019

Last Day of Spring Term - 5th April 2019

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: CHRISTMAS/PEACE

MONDAY: AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

TUESDAY: AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY: AM - Mrs Rashley out. Mrs Collins to cover. AM - Year 2 singing at Lakenham Residential Home. PM - Reception Christmas Party.

THURSDAY: 9am - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. 3.20pm - FONS Santa Grotto.

FRIDAY: 9.30am - Carol Service in St. Margaret's Church (St Margaret's School) 11am - Christingle in St. Margaret's Church (St. George's School). **3.20pm - End of Term.**

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