



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 1ST MARCH 2019

I really hope that you managed to take advantage of the glorious weather which we were blessed with over the half-term break. The children have really enjoyed playing in the warm sunshine during morning break and lunchtimes this week. Long may it continue!

Within Monday's Collective Worship, I was discussing with the children the benefits and potential hazards of social media and of the internet in general. As the week has progressed we have been speaking with individuals and groups of children within both schools, about recent news stories, within a range of forums, relating to negative online experiences. In order to ensure the safe use of online resources, at school we will continue to provide the children with appropriate advice and guidance. National Online Safety is an organisation which equips school staff, parents and pupils with the knowledge they need to understand online dangers. They offer the following guidance for parents:

1. **Be present when your children are online.**
2. **Talk regularly with your children and discuss their use of online activities.**
3. **Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home.**
4. **Talk with the children about avoiding succumbing to peer group pressure.**
5. **If the children are accessing online activities alone then tell them that they must report anything which causes them concern to you, the parent, or a responsible adult immediately.**
6. **Please visit the schools' websites and refer to the respective school safeguarding pages for recent updates relating to online safety advice.**

If you have any concerns about the safeguarding of your child online please speak to your child's class teacher or one of our Safeguarding Team Mr. Lewis (Designated safeguarding Lead), Mr. Williams, Mrs Fulford or Mrs Davis (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Finally, on a completely different theme: a plea for help! We are wanting to plant some trees within our school grounds. Please contact the school office if you feel confident in your knowledge of trees so that you would be able to offer us appropriate advice and guidance on how and where to plant a number of saplings.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

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: Letters for you to book a time slot will be sent out next week.

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
 Reception dates will be arranged soon.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The whole of the federation (apart from reception) will take part in World Book Day activities next Friday 8th March. Children can come to school dressed as a hero or villain from their favourite book. Parents are invited to join their child's class at the beginning of the day, bringing

a book that you and your child have enjoyed at home. Reception children will enjoy Book Day on Thursday and can come to school dressed up then.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS—BUDE, PGL, LONDON

Interim payments for the Bude, PGL and London residential trips are now due. We know that many of you have already paid and will send texts out next week to confirm balances left.

NETBALL CLUB

If you are willing to help with our after school netball club which is held after school on a Thursday please see Mrs Nicholls. Volunteers will need a full DBS check.

CERTIFICATES

Well done to the following children who all received certificates in Celebration

Worship or Golden Book Worship this week:

Class Teacher Award: Zakk B, Wiktorina K, Erin B, Annabel C, Darcy S, Kamran B, Darcy B, Hatton T-J.

Athletics: Leo S, Leland D, Evie-Mae G-M, Jayden C, Alfie P, Joe H, Brooke K, Eva D, Annabel B, Lathan E, Logan C, Leon T, Kieron F, Skye F, Bethany L, Finn T, Emilia S, Dylan S, Kacey M, Neil P, Nathan P, Lily W, Mikey D, Kieron L, TJ M, Ella D, Mason G.

Swimming: Heidi W, Beth J.

Running: Eloise W.

Football: Chase P, Henry H.

Ski-ing: Annabel C.

Starfish: Rose.

Seahorses: Griff.

Sandpipers: Alice and the whole class.

Skylarks: The whole class.

Marvellous Manners: Lenny N, Esme D, Isla G, Mickey S, Aimee F, Oliver R.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: SHROVE TUESDAY/ASH WEDNESDAY

MONDAY: AM—Mr Barnard out. Miss May to cover. AM—Mr Lewis out. AM—Mr Williams in a meeting. 9.00am—Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM—Mrs Davis out. PM—Mrs Trask & Miss Smyth out. Mrs Chubb & Mrs Chugg to cover.

TUESDAY: Mr Lewis out all day. 9.30am—Mr Williams in a meeting. PM—Mrs Davis in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY: Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangley out all day. Mrs Chance & Mrs Colwill in the offices. AM—Mrs Davis in a meeting.

THURSDAY: RECEPTION WORLD BOOK DAY. Miss Moores & Mrs Eggleton out all day. Mr Lewis & Mrs Sykes to cover.

FRIDAY: FEDERATION WORLD BOOK DAY. 9.00am—Stay & Play in the Community Room. Mrs Davis in meetings all day. PM—Reception in the Wilderness

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