



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 JANUARY 2019

We often discuss with the children what it means to be living within a democracy. At a time when the Government and other party leaders strive to find a way through the current political turmoil, there are many opportunities to deliberate with the children issues surrounding the democratic process, as well as 'Brexit' itself. Within the school setting we regularly give the children the chance to express themselves within their own learning. We also encourage the children to verbally challenge each others' understanding within the classroom setting in a calm and respectful manner. The ability to freely articulate thoughts and beliefs is one to be celebrated. We hope that our political leaders can agree on a successful resolution to the current impasse; calmly and respectfully!

Last week, we welcomed an experienced Educational Advisor to our settings in order to help us evaluate our overall school effectiveness. After visiting every classroom within both schools, she identified the excellent learning behaviours in all classes as being a real strength of the Federation. Within her report she also stated that the pupils were able to work equally effectively when working with each other independently or within a group. It was extremely pleasing that these qualities were recognised by an external professional. I shared this feedback with the children on Monday and congratulated them on their excellent start to the Spring Term. We also all agreed that there is no room for complacency!

A final piece of positive news is that after the current half-term analysis of levels of school attendance it is extremely pleasing to report that within both schools (St. Margaret's 97% and St. George's 95.3%) the overall attendance figure is over the aspirational 95% threshold. Well done to all!

Have a great week-end.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

2019 DATES

February Half Term - 18th - 22nd
February 2019

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

ANGLO SAXON MENU

Thankfulness Class have chosen the following Anglo Saxon lunch menu for Thursday 24th January:

Meat Feast Pizza Shields.
Bloody Tomato Soup & Fleshy Bread.
Fighting Furious Fish Finger Wrap.
Protective Jacket Potato Helmet.
Wild Wedges/Peasant's Pasta.
Baked Beans/Settler's Sweetcorn.
Gingerbread Warrior.

CAN-PLAY -BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Can we remind parents that CAN Play need bookings to be made on a termly basis with places being re-booked each term. Regular bookings can be made by emailing stgeorges@canplay.org. Once the

booking has been accepted you will be emailed an invoice as confirmation of your booking. Payment should be made 7 days in advance of attendance. For bookings that are not regular please ring 01237 471972 to book a place - payment for these bookings can be made over the phone. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 10am - 2.30pm. For cancellations 7 days notice is required to avoid being charged. Places can be swapped for another day - but in the same week only.

CAN Play staff will not be able to take children from either school who have not been booked in for the session so please ensure your booking has been confirmed.

ATLANTIC RACQUET CENTRE

ARC are holding an open weekend on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th January.

Try tennis and badminton for free or trial one of the group sessions. There will be free tasters all weekend. To book please visit www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/opensdays.

CERTIFICATES

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

Class Teacher Award: Cameron P, Freddy W, Alfie S, Caden B, Kyle M, Amy W-W, Max J, Romaini E-H, Leah J.

Swimming: All of year 4.

Ski-ing: Harry E.

Dance: Alicia B.

Starfish: Kaleesi.

Seahorses: Estarah

Sandpipers: Lena.

Skylarks: Shianne & Boston.

The Week Ahead: **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: TRUST**

MONDAY: AM - Reception Weighing & Measuring.

TUESDAY: Year 4 Trip to Rosemoor. 10.00am - Mr Williams in a meeting. 9.30am - Mrs Fulford in a meeting. PM - Mr Williams in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY: AM - Year 4 visit to Northam Library.

FRIDAY: 9.00am - Winter Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest.

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