



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 23RD NOVEMBER 2018

This week I have had the privilege of observing the learning which has been taking place within EYFS and Key Stage 1. I value highly this precious time spent watching the children take advantage of the learning opportunities which the committed and conscientious staff team provide each and every day. This week I have watched the children develop their confidence in correctly phonetically sounding out individual sounds and words as well as more complex sentences. I have also witnessed the children demonstrate their ability to apply their understanding of key mathematical operations within a range of different contexts.

Within the teaching of mathematics, we have been using the analogy of the learning process being similar to jumping into and climbing out of a 'learning pit'. When the children are asked to apply their understanding to a range of different contexts then this could be likened to being at the bottom of the 'learning pit'. The process of solving a problem or challenge is compared to climbing out of the pit. In order to do so, they must apply their newly acquired understanding. The children must see the content of the curriculum as being relevant to their lives, hence the need to apply knowledge to real-life scenarios.

Our aim is to promote resilience within the learning process amongst the children, by developing their confidence to tackle problems and tasks which may at first seem difficult and challenging.

We look forward to seeing the children at the school discos, which will take place in two weeks time. This will be an opportunity for them to have fun and enjoy themselves with their friends.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

FONS DISCO

The first fund raising event for the newly formed Friends of Northam Schools (FONS) will be a school disco. This will take place on **Friday 7th December** in the school hall at St. Margaret's. There are different times for different year groups listed below:

Nursery, Reception & Year 1: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4: 4.45pm-5.45pm

Year 5 & Year 6: 6.00pm-7.00pm

The purpose of this event is to raise enough money so that every child across the Federation can have a free Christmas dinner at school.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, then they must be accompanied by an adult, who must stay with them for the duration of their disco.

If your child is in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 then you must collect your child at the end of their disco. We will not be letting children walk home on their own.

Due to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we will not be allowing children to bring mobile phones to the disco.

The entry price for each disco is **£1.50** which can be paid at the door. There will be chips and sweets for sale, with drinks provided free throughout each disco. At the disco there will be games run by the staff and DJ with prizes for the children.

HEALTHY LUNCHES

As a Federation we try and promote healthy eating in our school dinners and packed lunches. The kitchen often

include 'hidden ingredients' in their puddings. Can we ask you help us with this by not including sweets or chocolate in packed lunches. With many thanks for your support.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Can we ask that for the safety of the children that you do not use the staff car park to drop off children in the morning.

GDPR

As part of the new General Data Protection Regulations we have to inform parents that our privacy notices are available on our websites - addresses as follows:

https://www.st-margarets-junior.devon.sch.uk/web/general_data_protection_regulations

https://www.st-georges-infants.devon.sch.uk/web/general_data_protection_regulations_gdpr

Parents will then need to click and download the Privacy Notice - Pupil Information.

ABSENCE

Just a reminder that we need to know the reason for a child's absence as soon as possible in the morning. Government recommendation state that if we cannot make contact with parents someone from the school may make a home visit.

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:** Rylee H, Logan C, Leland D, Scarlett W, Finley B, Louie J, Neil P, Chase P, Dylan S.

Football/Running: Harry M.

Archery: Colson R.

Brownies: Evie H.

Skylarks: Alfie B.

Starfish: Alfie B.

Sandpipers: Mason.

Seahorses: Liam & Josie.

Thanks to you all for taking part in our dress up day for Children in Need a total of £398.05 was raised across the Federation and there were some wonderful costumes to be seen.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: WISDOM - INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE/ ADVENT

MONDAY: Miss Smyth out all day. Mrs Sykes to cover. AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

TUESDAY: PM - Mr Lewis in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY: AM - Nursery in the Forest & Wilderness. 12.15pm - Mr Williams in a meeting.

THURSDAY: Mr Lewis out all day. 9.10am - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Reception Fruit Tasting. 3.00pm - Mr Williams in a meeting.

FRIDAY: Mr Lewis out all day. Miss Moores out all day. Miss May to cover. PM - Reception in the Forest & Wilderness.

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