



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 15TH FEBRUARY 2019

With the February half-term break now upon us we have reached the mid-way point of this academic year. The children continue to thrive, flourish and take advantage of the plethora of learning opportunities which are made available to them each and every day. Over the past week, depending upon their year group or interest, children have (amongst many other learning activities): focused on the story of Goldilocks, explored our outdoor area in wellington boots, developed their knowledge of indigenous animals to Australia, written a persuasive letter to a publisher, applied their understanding of fractions, learnt how to ride their bicycle safely, shared their understanding of indices and made totem poles. They thoroughly deserve a week's rest!

The act of generosity has been the theme for Collective Worship this week. At St. George's we read and discussed the story about the Little Red Hen and how we could change the ending in order to best illustrate generosity. For those unfamiliar with the story, it was suggested that the Little Red Hen could have still shared her freshly baked bread with her unhelpful animal friends! We agreed that being generous to everybody, especially to those who have been previously been unkind to us, can be a challenge.

On a staffing note we are delighted to report that Mrs Sykes will be covering Mrs Gado's maternity leave and working alongside Mrs Pincombe in teaching Friendship Class. We welcome Mrs Sykes to the staff team. She has been working alongside Mrs Gado and the Year 3 Team this week to ensure a smooth transition. We wish Mrs Gado health and happiness as she begins her maternity leave. We have also recently said 'goodbye' and 'thankyou' to Mr Gooding who has supported the children at St. George's for a number of years within a number of different roles. We wish Mr Gooding every happiness for the future.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday February 25th.

Mr. Williams - Executive Headteacher

DATES

The half term holiday starts at 3.20pm today. Children return to school on Monday 25th February.

Other dates for the term are:

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

JACKETS LANE

We have this week received several complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous manoeuvring and parking in Jackets Lane by parents when dropping off and picking up children. For the safety of our children could we ask that you try to avoid entering Jackets Lane at these times. There is a large car park on Bone Hill which is ideal for walking to and from school to drop off and pick up.

'SHINE' AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Westward Ho! Baptist Church are running a new club every Thursday from 3.45pm to 5.15pm starting on the Thursday after half term.

Admission is £1.00 per child. For more information contact Zoe on zoelsdon@hotmail.co.uk.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

The Devon Libraries Creative Writing Club will now run fortnightly on a Saturday from 10am -11am. For more details and to book a place please call 01237 475111.

SPRING LANTERN WORKSHOP

Learn Devon are running this free workshop for families on Wednesday 20th February from 10am - 12.30pm at the Art Centre in Bideford. For more information and to book a place please visit learndevon.co.uk or ring 01137 472462.

SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

Mr Lewis would like to thank parents for taking the time to complete the online survey that was sent via text on Wednesday. We had 129 responses and we will use the data collected to steer the direction of social media use in the near future.

CERTIFICATES

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

Worship or Golden Book Worship this week:

Class Teacher Award: Sophie M, Leon T, Luca B-B, Alexia S, Zartensia W, Jasmine J, Dylan T, Jenson M, Bailey T.

Multi Skills: Mason G.

Archery: Logan C.

Football: Chase P.

Swimming: Jasmine S.

Starfish: Halle.

Seahorses: Brody.

Sandpipers: Lyla.

Skylarks: Tevis.

Marvellous Manners: Aubree, Jack, Natalia.

ADVANCE NOTICE - PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

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

More details to follow after half-term.

The Week Ahead: COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: GOOD TO BE ME

MONDAY: Children return to school. Mrs Humphrey out all day. AM - Mr Barnard out. Miss May in Trust. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. AM - Mr Lewis in a meeting.

TUESDAY: Mrs Davis & Mrs Keen out all day. Mrs Humphrey out all day.

WEDNESDAY: 4.15pm - Mr Williams & Miss Fancourt in a meeting.

THURSDAY: 1.30pm - Mr Williams in a meeting.

FRIDAY: Mrs Collins out all day. Mrs Curtis out all day. 9.00am - Winter Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Nursery Open Afternoon. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest.

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