



# 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 6TH DECEMBER 2019

**"To learn every day, to help each other and to be happy".**

Children across the Federation, are busily preparing for their end of term Christmas Nativity productions. As with last year, the performances are designed to portray an aspect of the 'Christmas Story' and at the same time, provide all pupils with the opportunity to be active participants within the production. We hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy watching your child perform within their respective Nativity.

You will see in the information below, details about our Book Fair. Within a recent newsletter I highlighted the importance of reading. It is with this in mind that we invite you to visit the Book Fair with your child, which is taking place at St. Margaret's, until Tuesday of next week (10.12.19). There might just be that special book which sparks the imagination of your child!

You will all be aware that we adjusted the start and finish times of the school day at both St. George's and St. Margaret's at the beginning of the term. The main reason for this change was to reduce to increase pupil safety by:

- reducing the number of people crossing adjoining roads at the same time.
- easing the pressure, which a larger number of parents were feeling, in having to pick up and drop-off children at two different schools at the same time.

All the feedback relating to these revised timings, which I have received since the start of term, has been positive. Should you have thoughts to the contrary then please let me know next week via the school offices. As I stated in September, I will confirm these arrangements as being permanent at the end of term unless a significant number of parents voice objections surrounding the new times.

Have a great week-end. Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher).

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

The Scholastic Book Fayre has now arrived and is in the foyer between year 5 and 6 at St. Margaret's. The fayre will be open until 10th December between 8.35am - 8.50am in the morning and 3.10pm - 3.30pm at the end of the day. There are bookcases of books suitable for both infants and juniors. Please feel free to come along and browse for Christmas ideas etc.

### DATES

Christmas Performances will be held on the following dates:

**Reception:** 9.30am & 2.15pm on Monday 9th December

**Year 1:** 2.00pm & 5.30pm on Wednesday 11th December.

**Year 2:** 2.00pm & 5.30pm on Thursday 12th December.

**Lower School:** 2.30pm & 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th December.

**Upper School:** 2.30pm & 6.00pm on Tuesday 17th December.

**St. Margaret's Carol Service - 9.30am on Friday 20th December**

**St. George's Christingle - 11.00am on Friday 20th December**

## FONS DISCO

Tickets for the FONS disco are now on sale at a cost of £1.50 from either school office. The disco will take place on Thursday 19th December. Please remember that only Nursery parents will be able to stay with their child. All other children will need to be dropped off to St. Margaret's hall and collected at the end of their disco. A reminder that timings are as follows: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 3.45pm to 4.45pm. Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

### CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Don't forget that order forms for the Christmas Dinner on 18th December need to be returned to the school offices by Monday 9th December to

allow the Kitchen Manager time to order in supplies. Even if your child receives a free school meal orders need to be returned. Christmas Dinner day will also be Christmas Jumper Day!

### CERTIFICATES

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

**Class Teacher Award:** Drew T, Jared S, Justin S, Amelia J, Louis B, Finn B, Josh G.

**Other Awards:** Imogen B & Gracie M.

**Marvellous Manners:** Adele B, Arlia T, Callie-Rae C.

**Healthy Eating:** Tamal C.

### The Week Ahead:

#### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: NATIVITY/GIVING

**MONDAY:** AM - Mr Williams, Miss Frost, Mrs Prangley & Mrs Fulford in a meeting. PM - Miss Fancourt & Mrs Buckeridge out. Mr Disking & Miss Chugg to cover.

**TUESDAY:** AM - Mr Williams & Mrs Davis in a meeting. AM - Seahorses to visit Appledore Art Studio.

**WEDNESDAY:** AM - Nursery in the Wilderness & Forest. PM - Mrs Davis and Miss Lobbett out.

**THURSDAY:** Key Stage 2 Choir at the Men's Forum. AM - Miss Lobbett in a meeting. PM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. 3.00pm - Mr Williams & Miss Frost in a meeting.

**FRIDAY:** 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Reception in the Wilderness & Forest.

**Please see dates and times for St. George's performances in the main newsletter.**

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