

# Northam Schools' Federation Newsletter.



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Dear Parents,

We are constantly striving to develop our forms of communicating with you, the parental body. Over the period of school closure, we significantly increased our use of Facebook to share with you key updates. Your extremely positive feedback relating to this development has been appreciated. Many of you will have received this newsletter via email. This is a further example of our determination to use technology to both improve communication and reduce waste. The format and structure of our traditional weekly newsletter update, will evolve over the coming weeks. Your patience in this is appreciated!

Over the coming days, the administrative teams at both schools will be introducing you all to the SIMS Parent Lite App. This will provide a simple way for us to collect, manage and handle information which is compliant with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). This exciting development will also, as we move forward, allow us to share with you useful information such as the school calendar, an understanding of your child's attendance and homework.

This further note relates to the request to wear face coverings. Due to personal circumstances, it will be the case that some parents will not be wearing a face covering during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Your support, understanding and respect for each other is greatly appreciated. Finally, welcome back Year 3 pupils and staff: we have missed you all!! **Jim Williams. Executive Headteacher**

## **WELCOME BACK**

Slightly delayed but we would like to welcome everyone back to school and welcome Mrs Boyne who is teaching in year 4 and Mrs Coulson who is teaching in year 1.

## **REMINDERS**

We thought it would be useful to list a few reminders:

- Children need to be in school, ready to learn by the time indicated on the schedule on the school websites. Fruit can be brought in for fruit break at St. Margaret's but will be supplied at St. George's. Children need a water bottle which can be re-filled in school if necessary.
- Could you ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school every day of the week and a named coat for playtime and lunch-time.
- It would be helpful if dinner money at St. Margaret's could be brought to school on a Monday in a named envelope. Payment must be made

weekly in advance or on the day. The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 (cheques payable to Devon County Council). We will shortly be launching an on-line payment system so watch this space!

- There is no parking in either school car park **UNLESS** you are picking up a sick child. Also, for the safety of our children, please do not use the car park or the area in front of St. George's as a turning area.
- Can we please request that all children have a coat in school every day. There were a large number of children this week who could not go outside on the rainy days as they had not brought their coat.
- Can we also remind parents that if your child's ears are pierced they should only wear small stud ear-rings to school. It is Devon County Council policy that for health and safety reasons they must also be able to remove ear-rings during P.E. lessons.

- If you have changed address or mobile phone number over the holidays please let us know. It is especially important that we have an up to date email address as the new parentlite system mentioned in the headteacher's update relies on this.
- Finally please be reassured that all safeguarding issues will be dealt with immediately by a member of the senior leadership team - all of whom have undertaken full training.

## **MEDICINES IN SCHOOL**

If your child needs to take medication in school you will need to fill out a medication form available from either school office. Could you also please fill out the form if your child has an inhaler. Inhalers can be kept in the classroom but all other medicine must be delivered to the school office.

## **WEEKLY DIARY**

**Monday:** PM -Mr Williams in meetings.

**Tuesday:** AM—Mr Williams in meetings. 3.30pm—Mr Williams in a meeting.

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:** AM—Mrs Davis in a meeting. 2.00pm—Mrs Davis in a meeting.

**Friday:**

**Other Dates:**

**October Half Term**—Friday 23rd October (non pupil day) to Friday 30th October 2020

**Christmas Holiday**—Monday 21st December to 3rd January 2021 (back so school on Monday 4th)

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