



# 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 5TH OCTOBER 2018

Last week I enjoyed listening to Louise Minchin (British journalist and BBC Breakfast Presenter) who was speaking at the annual Appledore Book Festival. She spoke in detail about her recently published book, 'Dare to Tri' which describes her journey from the BBC Breakfast Sofa to becoming an age-group GB Team Triathlete. The book is proving to be very popular and many people have found her story to be uplifting and inspirational.

In school we are always reinforcing the importance of reading. This week, three authors (Jon Townsend, Philip Ardagh and Nick Toczek) have visited St. Margaret's and St. George's. They have shared with the staff and children their love of words and inspired us all to continue to value the importance of reading.

The date and time of our Harvest Festival is provided in the notes below and we would be delighted if you could join us at St. Margaret's Church. The theme of the service this year is 'Giving thanks / Giving back'. We are supporting the local Harbour Charity which provides individuals and families in need with appropriate help. Food items (tinned soup, beans, meat, vegetables and fruit, pasta sauce, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, biscuits and breakfast cereals) can be brought into school by your child on the day of the service. Any donations will be gratefully received. If you are able to support us in walking the children to and from the service then please contact the school offices.

The safe arrival of the children to and from the school is of paramount importance and your support in this is appreciated. Avoiding using a vehicle along Jackets Lane during drop-off and pick-up times would really help the situation. I have been in contact with Devon Highways who are investigating possible improvements to the road system along Jackets Lane. Thank you for your help.

Enjoy the weekend.

Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

## SAVAGE STONE AGE MENU

Trinity class have chosen the following Savage Stone Age menu for next Thursday 11th October.

Sabre-Tooth Tiger Nuggets (Goujons)/Foraging Veggie Burger/ Mammoth Hotdog/Firepit Jackets. Pasta/Wedges/Sweetcorn & Broccoli. Mammoth Pancakes & Ice Cream Boulders.

## NUTS IN SCHOOL

Can we remind all parents that the whole federation strives to be nut free - this includes all kinds of nuts and nut-related products. We have several children across both schools who have severe allergies and we wish to keep our environment as safe for them as we possibly can. Please could you be mindful of this if your child has a packed lunch and avoid fillings such as peanut butter and nutty chocolate spreads. We also had an incident this week when a child had a reaction to a chestnut brought into school by another child. With many thanks for your support in this matter.

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Dates for parent/teacher interviews at St. Margaret's have been set as follows:

**Year 3:** 17th October 2018

**Year 4:** 11th October 2018

**Year 5:** 16th October 2018

**Year 6:** 15th October 2018

A reminder that the dates for St. George's are as follows:

**Year 1:** 10th October 2018

**Year 2:** 15th October 2018

Letters inviting you to make an appointment will be sent out shortly.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

A joint Harvest Festival will be held in St. Margaret's Church at 10am on 18th October 2018. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. Harvest donations will be collected at the Church for local charities.

## CHANGE OF DATE

The whole school celebration events at St. Margaret's will now take place on **Wednesday 17th October**. Children can come to school for the day dressed in their year group history topic clothes.

These are as follows along with Celebration times for parents to attend:

**Year 3:** Stone Age - 9.30 - 10.30am

**Year 4:** Greeks - 2.30 - 3.10pm

**Year 5:** Romans - 8.30 - 9.30am

**Year 6:** World War 2 - After School

## 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:** Isla J, Eloise W, Jayden W, Jayden V, Freya D, Caitlin S, Thomas L.

**Sports:** Bella D, Darcy B, Sam, Makayla G, Chase P, Annabel, Eloise, Joe.

**Skylarks:** Rufus.

**Starfish:** Callie-Rae & Jack H.

**Sandpipers:** Chloe M.

**Seahorses:** Honour & Benjamin.

**A special well done to all those who took part in the Gliddon and Squire Cross Country festival last week.**

## The Week Ahead:

### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: God's Wonderful World/Thankfulness**

**MONDAY:** Mr Williams in meetings all day. AM - Nursery in the Forest & Wilderness. PM - Mrs Rashley out. Mrs Collins to cover.

**TUESDAY:** AM - Mr Lewis in a meeting.

**WEDNESDAY:** PM - Year 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews. Mrs Harris & Mr Sleeman to cover year 1.

**THURSDAY:** Miss Lobbett out all day. AM - Mrs Jackson out. 11.30am - Mrs Davis out. PM - Nursery Parents' Meetings. Year 4 Parent/Teacher Interviews. Mrs Sykes & Mr Sleeman to cover year 4.

**FRIDAY:** Nursery Parents' Meetings. Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest.

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