



# 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 17TH JANUARY 2020

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

This week we have launched our revised behaviour policy. In order to construct the revised policy, the children were consulted and they expressed their desire for adults to: give them a fresh start each day, help them learn, feel confident, be fair and consistent and most importantly, smile! When discussing this with the children, we made constant reference to the values of our school motto: learning, helping and happiness. It was agreed that in order to promote these values adults and pupils alike need to be ready to learn, respectful of others and stay safe. We will be constantly using these phrases within school when addressing behaviour.

In celebrating positive behaviour we, as a staff team, have agreed to develop our reward system. The following forms of rewards are examples of ways through which this will be done: certificates, stickers, phone calls home, verbal praise, notes home, Headteacher recognition, showing work to other adults, family group celebrations and class teacher awards.

We are always so appreciative of your support when addressing behavioural concerns. Should you have questions relating to an issue relating to behaviour then, in the first instance, please communicate these with your child's class teacher. It is always helpful to be informed of any changes in personal circumstances or of incidents / problems which occur outside of school which may affect a child emotionally. Underpinning all that we do within the Federation is the core Christian value of love. By respecting ourselves and others we are more likely to achieve the aims encapsulated within our afore-mentioned motto. Should you have any queries relating to our new behaviour policy, which can be found on both websites, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school offices.

Congratulations to the 14, Year 5 and 6 athletes from St. Margaret's who participated within the North Devon Sports hall athletics final. The children finished an extremely credible 6th position out of 16 participating schools. Finally, really well done to all of the children in Reception who behaved impeccably on Wednesday when they went to visit Exmoor Zoo. The staff have all said just how enjoyable the trip was and how positively engaged the children were throughout the day.

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

## DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

If you have not already returned your data collection sheets could you please do so as soon as possible. We are planning on emailing newsletters out to parents in the near future so need to record email addresses in particular.

## HEAD LICE

There have been cases of headlice reported in year 3. Could you please take the opportunity to check your child's hair this weekend and treat if necessary. School Nurse advice is that combing wet hair through with conditioner is very effective. Thank you.

## TOYS IN SCHOOL

Can we remind you that at St. Margaret's in particular no toys, especially marbles are allowed. Fidget toys are allowed if authorised.

## ARC CENTRE

Try Tennis and Badminton for free on Sunday 19th January between 10am and 6pm at the Atlantic Racquet Centre. Join in a free coaching session, hire a free court with equipment provided or

challenge yourself in their activity zone. There is something for everyone no matter what age or ability. For more information visit: [www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/](http://www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/) opendays.

## RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

If you haven't already paid a second deposit payment of £90 for the London Trip, £30 for the PGL trip and £90 for the Bude trip could you please do so as soon as possible. All the companies who run the trips require interim payments. Thank you.

## CLUBS

All Clubs at St. Margaret's (apart from Scooter Club) have now started and your child should know if they have been given a place. Please remember P.E. kit or outdoor clothes

if needed. We will endeavour not to cancel any club unless we have no other choice. If the weather is bad on the club day then the children will remain in the school hall. We will let parents and children know when we are able to start the scooter club.

## 2020 DATES

**February Half Term** - 17th - 21st February 2020

**Last Day of Spring Term** - 27th March 2020

**First Day of Summer Term** - 14th April 2020

**Bank Holiday - FRIDAY** 8th May 2020 (VE Day)

**Half Term** - 25th May - 1st June 2020

**Last Day of Summer Term** - 17th July 2020.

## **The Week Ahead: COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME:**

**MONDAY:** AM—Mrs Davis in a meeting.

**TUESDAY:** AM—Miss Fancourt & Ms Doncaster out. Mrs Wallace in Hope. AM—Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangley in a meeting. PM—Mr Smith & Mrs Curtis out. Mrs Wallace in Thankfulness.

**WEDNESDAY:** Mrs Eggleton out all day. Mrs Newman in Wisdom. AM—Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM—Mr Williams in a meeting.

**THURSDAY:** PM—Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM—Reception Weighing & Measuring. PM—Mr Williams, Miss Frost & Mr Smith out. Ms Huszar in Thankfulness.

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