



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 13TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Parents

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of the Summer Term review of the Federation's overarching aims as described within our vision (motto) and mission statement. After a lengthy consultation process with the children, staff, parents and governors we have agreed on the following:

Vision statement

To enable all within the Northam Schools' Federation to learn together, support each other and celebrate life.

Motto (a way of describing the vision using simple language)

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

Mission statement (how we aim to achieve the vision/ motto)

We will:

- Ensure that the Christian faith is integral to our provision with love underpinning all that we do
- Provide a purposeful, stimulating and aspirational learning environment
- Respect all faiths, languages and cultures.
- Promote the well-being of pupils, staff, parents and governors
- Value the partnership between pupils, staff, parents and governors

We are delighted that we can move forward into this new academic year confident in the knowledge that, regardless of our role within the Federation (pupil, parent, member of staff or governor), we are all working towards achieving the same aims. As the weeks progress, I will be expanding on this theme.

I hope that you enjoy what promises to be some early autumnal warmth and sun!

Mr. Jim Williams (Headteacher)

FLU VACCINATION

Virgincare will be offering free flu vaccinations to all primary school children from reception to year 6. The programme will run between October - December 2019 across Devon. The vaccine will be given by a quick and simple nasal spray.

This year consent for your child's vaccination must be given electronically to Virgincare via a secure consent portal. The link for the portal is <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019devon>. Once you have accessed the portal just follow the online instructions. Consent (or refusal) must be provided electronically by 27th October 2019. The new Virgincare number for any Link or date issues is 01392 610030. The number for any parental queries or consent trouble is 0300 247 0082.

COATS

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.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Gliddon & Squire Cross Country League will start on 29th September. All information can be found on <https://northdevonxleague.weebly.com>. We are hoping to enter some school teams this year so if you are interested please sign up at the St. Margaret's office.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A Federation Harvest Festival for both schools will be held during the morning of Friday 27th September in St. Margaret's Church. All parents/carers are invited to

attend. We will let you know timings next week.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tempest Photography will be in St. Margaret's next Tuesday 17th September to take photos of your children. If you would like a photo with other siblings please come to the school hall at 8.30am. School photos at St. George's will be later in the term.

EAR-RINGS

Can we just 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.

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.

START TIMES

Just a reminder that children at St. George's need to be in school ready to learn at 8.45am and children at St. Margaret's should be in by 8.50am. Thank you.

REQUEST

We would be grateful for any old board games, lego, plastic toys and colouring books suitable for our key stage two lunchtime nurture group.

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Thursday 18th October St. Margaret's school will have a whole school dress up day based on each year groups topic for this half-term as follows:
 Year 3: Cave People
 Year 4: Ancient Greeks
 Year 5: Romans
 Year 6: World War 2
 There will also be a special menu for both schools on that day. More details to follow nearer the time.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME:

MONDAY: AM - Fire Safety Talk for year 2.

TUESDAY: SCHOOL PHOTOS AT ST. MARGARET'S. Miss Taylor & Mrs Fulford out all day. AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. AM - Mr Williams & Miss Lobbett in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY: Miss Taylor & Mrs Fulford out all day. Mrs Eggleton out all day. Miss Frost in year 6. Year 4 Ancient Greek Workshop. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting.

THURSDAY: AM - Mr Williams out.

FRIDAY: 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. AM - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest.

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