



# 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 4TH OCTOBER 2019

*Our Vision: To learn together, support each other and celebrate life.*

Dear Parents,

At the end of last term many of you kindly returned a questionnaire which provided us with valuable feedback when you identified the strengths across the Federation as well as areas which you felt are in need of development. Last year's feedback resulted in revised start and finish times as from September 2019, an improved crossing point across Jacket's Lane, the school's website being updated regularly, a Federation Facebook page being launched, a refinement of the end of year report as well as the restoration of the conservation area and Reflection garden at St. Margaret's.

This year, the overwhelmingly positive returns (see overleaf) and associated comments have been greatly appreciated. The four areas/themes which you have asked us to consider developing / improving are: road safety (this may well have now changed due to the Summer works along Jacket's Lane), further developing the playtime experience in both schools, a continued focus on improving communication between home and school and a greater focus on environmental issues. As the term progresses, I will provide you with updates relating to associated actions taken to enhance our provision.

Finally, you will be aware that we are for the first time using an online booking system for the upcoming parent/teacher meetings. Thank you for your support of this development and should you have any difficulties in making an appointment then please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

## PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

St Margaret's children will have brought home a letter containing instructions and a password for our new online Parents' Evening booking system. We are asking that if possible parents use this system to book their appointments. This is very new to us and the system has been set up very quickly so we will be learning with you how to use it! St. George's parents should receive their instructions and passwords soon. If you have any problems please let us know. Dates for the consultations are as follows:

- Year 1: 15th October 2019
- Year 2: 17th October 2019
- Year 3: 10th October 2019
- Year 4: 14th October 2019
- Year 5: 8th October 2019
- Year 6: 17th October 2019

We apologise for the change in week for the year 5 consultations.

Unfortunately this was unavoidable but if you have any problems with attending on this day please speak to the class teacher who will arrange another appointment.

## ALDI STICKERS

Please don't forget your GB Aldi stickers when shopping at Aldi. We are trying to fill charts in both schools.

## GLASSES

St. George's have a collection of lost glasses! Please check at the office if your child is missing a pair.

## GLIDDON & SQUIRE

Congratulations to all the children who ran in the Gliddon & Squire cross country last Sunday.

## SPECIAL MENU

Hope Class have chosen the following 'Topic' Menu as follows for Thursday 17th October:

- Roman/Italian - Pepperoni Pizza
- Word War 2 - Vegetable Stew
- Greek - Fill your own Pitta! (hummus, feta, ham, salad)
- Cavemen - Campfired Chicken with Corn on the Cob.
- Baked Beans/Sweetcorn/World Ward 2 Wedges/Italian Pasta.
- Steamed Pudding & Custard served with Wild Berries.

## CERTIFICATES

Well done to the following children who all received awards in Celebration Worship:

- Class Teacher Award:** Alfie T, Morgan H, Oliver R, Cody B, Lexie B, Harry M, Lily W, Corey A, Eloise W, Beth J, Maya W, Sam T, Finn H, Alfie V, Caden B, Caitlin S & Max W.
- Healthy Eating:** Aaron T.
- Marvellous Manners:** Alfie T.
- Running:** Imogen B.
- Triathlon:** Harry P.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

School photos will be taken at St. George's on Monday 14th October. Parents who wish to have family photos please come to the school hall from 8am.

## **The Week Ahead:**

### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: PEACE**

- MONDAY:** PM - Mr Williams in a meeting. 6.00pm - Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting.
- TUESDAY:** AM - Mr Williams in a meeting. Mrs Buckeridge out all day. Mrs Harrison to cover. AM - Year 4 Author visit. 11.30am - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Miss Frost out. PM - Year 5 Parent/Teacher Meetings.
- WEDNESDAY:** AM - Miss Moores out. Mrs Mitchell to cover. 9.30AM - Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangley in a meeting. AM - Mr Williams in a meeting.
- THURSDAY:** Year 3 Festival at ARC. PM - Year 3 Parent/Teacher Meetings.
- FRIDAY:** 9.00am - Stay & Play in the Community Room. PM - Reception in the Wilderness & Forest. PM - Mr Williams in a meeting.

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