



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 2ND NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you managed to enjoy the half-term break and the un-seasonably warm weather. We, as a family, certainly took advantage of our wonderful local setting. It reminded me of our good fortune in living in such a fantastic part of the world.

During the holiday, I analysed the completed questionnaires which were sent out a few weeks ago. A copy of this analysis can be found on the back of this newsletter. 124 forms were returned which represents a significantly large number of the children within the Federation.

96% of respondents stated that they would recommend the schools to another parent. We are extremely grateful for this endorsement of the provision yet not complacent as there is always more to be done. We are considering the implications of the analysis in a number of different forums and rest assured, your feedback will affect future planning and decisions.

I wish to take this opportunity to make reference to the one suggested area requiring improvement which was highlighted significantly more than any other. A large number of parents expressed concerns over the safety of the children during pick-up and drop-off times at both schools. I have also been very concerned about this and I hope that it will be of interest to note that Devon Highways are in the process of proposing an improvement to the road system along Jackets Lane. We will know the outcomes of this proposal before the end of term.

In the interim, with so many parents expressing these concerns, I can only but urge those of you who drive your children to school to avoid dropping them off along Jackets Lane. Please park away from the schools and walk the remainder of the journey with your children. In the meantime, I will continue to be a visible presence at the end of the day (as often as is feasibly possible) to help ensure a safe exit for the children. We will also consider the timings of the beginning and end to the school day and make appropriate communication with you in relation to this in due course.

BONFIRE NIGHT MENU

On Monday 5th November the kitchen will be serving the following Bonfire menu:

Delicious Crackling Catherine Wheel with Flaming Bangers (toad in the hole).

Shimmering Tomato Soup (served with garlic bread).

Screaming Veggie Sizzlers in a Booming Bap (Veggie Hot Dog).

Bonfire Baked Guy (jacket potato)

Whizzing Wedges/Popping Pasta.

Toffee Apple Sponge & Hot Chocolate Sauce.

NEW BUILD/PARKING

We are pleased to say that work was completed on the new build at St. Margaret's over the half term and we are now able to use the rooms. Can we remind parents that the Sandymere Road entrance to the school is now open for parents to use when dropping off and picking up. Children coming to school this way will need to walk down the side path to the bottom playground which is supervised from 8.45 am. Can we also remind parents at both schools to be considerate of our school neighbours at drop off and pick up times. We have received complaints this week of congestion in Morwenna Park and Windsor Road in particular.

MONEY

Can we please ask that dinner money/school trip money etc is sent to school in a **named** envelope stating what the payment is for. Please avoid sending in any loose money which often either gets lost or which arrives in the office with no name or reason.

LOST PROPERTY

An adult silver filigree bracelet with sentimental value may have been lost somewhere in the school vicinity this week.

A child at St. Margaret's has lost a pair of blue/black trainers in a blue P.E. bag. If found could you please hand in to either office.

ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS

Annual consent forms for both schools have been sent out this week. These forms enable your child to take part in local walks etc and in line with new GDPR regulations allow you to give annual

permission for you to be contacted via text message. Could you please return these forms as soon as possible. Many thanks.

PHOTOS

Can we remind parents at St. George's to return their photo proofs as soon as possible. We will be sending them off to Tempest next week.

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: Harry E, Hayden K, Nathan P, William L, Kaiden C, Imogen C, Robert B, Megan C, Casper L.

Swimming: Ella W.

Golf: Fred W.

Skylarks: Lacie.

Starfish: Aleyna.

Sandpipers: Eliza.

Seahorses: Archie.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: GETTING ON & FALLING OUT

MONDAY: 11am - Mr Williams in a meeting. PM - Year 4 visit to St. Margaret's Church. PM - Mrs Davis out.

TUESDAY: 9.30am - Mrs Fulford in a meeting. PM - Mrs Trask out.

WEDNESDAY: AM - Mr Williams out. 3.30pm - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

THURSDAY: AM - Nursery in the Forest and Wilderness. AM - Mr Lewis in a meeting. PM - Mr Williams/Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangle out. 3.30pm - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

FRIDAY: 12noon - Key stage 2 Cross Country. PM - Reception in the Wilderness and Forest. 3.30pm - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

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