



# 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 29TH MARCH 2018

I cannot believe how quickly this term has gone and how busy it has been! I'd like to thank the teams that I have worked with over the past 11 years; it is the determination and hard work of the teachers, teaching assistants, meal time assistants, governors, volunteers, administration, catering and cleaning teams that has ensured that the schools are successful and happy places for the children to be. I wish the federation the best of luck for the future and am confident that the schools will continue to thrive and grow. I know that Mr Lewis will ensure that the Summer Term is successful and that the schools are in safe hands with Mr Williams who joins us in September. Thank you so much to all of you who have offered me your support during my time at the federation, and to so many of you for wishing me luck in my next adventure. I will really miss the schools, it has been a pleasure to lead St George's and St Margaret's, working with such dedicated staff and fabulous children. I have included a picture of the wonderful book that was presented to me in a special surprise assembly this morning - I can't believe that the children ALL managed to keep it a secret from me - I shall treasure it!



Enjoy a peaceful Easter weekend.

Claire Cole - Executive Headteacher

### GOODBYE & GOODLUCK

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our Executive Headteacher Claire Cole today after just over 10 years with us - the last two and a half leading our Federation. We will miss her energy, enthusiasm, supportive and compassionate nature and of course her drive for excellence in our two schools. We hope you all join us in wishing her well on her new journey. Our Federation will be ably led by Phil Lewis, assisted by Sam Malyn during the summer term and we will welcome our new permanent Executive Headteacher in September.

### MOBILE PHONES

Can we just give a polite reminder that mobile phones should not be used on either school site to take photos - unless of course permission has been given to take photos during school performances for personal albums. No photos of any of our children should be posted on Facebook or any other social media.

### SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Year 1 and Reception took part in sporting activities including an obstacle course, basketball and hula-hoop during lunchtime last week. All children who took part got a certificate. Thank you to Tracey Hooper for all her hard work in organising the event.

### TENNIS

There will be a free Inclusive Tennis Festival at ARC on Saturday 14th April from 2pm to 4pm. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages with

physical and learning disabilities to come and try tennis. There will be specific sessions as well as fund games. For more information and to book please visit [www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/inclusive-tennis](http://www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/inclusive-tennis).

### ARC QUIZ NIGHT

The ARC Tennis Centre are holding a Quiz Night in St. Margaret's School on Saturday 21st April. 7.00pm start price per person is £7.50 to include a ploughman's supper. To book a place please contact Bev 01237 470501.

### EASTER HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that we break for Easter at 3.20pm on Thursday 29th March. Children return to school on Monday 16th April. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

### CERTIFICATES

Well done to the following children who all received certificates in Celebration Worship and Golden Book this week: **Class Teacher Award:** Connie S, Lavinia L, Alisha D,

Sebastian R, Freddy W, Archie N-S, Josh G, Dominic P.

**Surf Life Saving Nationals:** Robert B, William B, Jonas F, Charlie S, Kristian B.

**Gymnastics:** Mabel H.

**Sea Cadets:** Solomon S.

**Skylarks:** Dylan - Brilliant effort with reading. Ethan - Great explaining in Maths.

**Seahorses:** Kingsley - for trying hard with his listening this week.

**Starfish:** Warrick - being a curious cat and asking lots of questions.

**Sandpipers:** Ellie-Mai - diving into her maths learning. Ada - working hard to create noun phrases to describe a crocodile.

**Puffins:** Darcy - having excellent resilience when writing her story.

**STOP PRESS: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A MEAL TIME ASSISTANT PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

### The Week Ahead:

#### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: Relationships

**MONDAY: CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL.** 9.00am - Mr Lewis in a meeting.

**TUESDAY:** PM - Reception Forest School.

**WEDNESDAY:** AM - Miss Hewitt out. Mrs Harris to cover.

**THURSDAY:** Mrs Chance out all day. 9.30am - Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Mrs Davis out.

**FRIDAY:** Mrs Chance out all day.

**SATURDAY:** ARC Quiz Night. 7.00pm - Phone Bev on 01237 470501 to book.

**YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE TODAY A 'BAGS FOR SCHOOLS' LETTER & BAG - RETURN FOR BAGS IS 4TH MAY - NOT THE DATE ON BAG**

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