

Northam Schools' Federation Newsletter.



FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2020

“TO LEARN EVERY DAY, TO HELP EACH OTHER AND TO BE HAPPY”.

Headteachers' Update

School Uniform

The vast majority of children come to school every day, smartly dressed in accordance with the uniform guidelines. In order to ensure uniformity in appearance, please be reminded that nail varnish should not be worn to school. Long hair should be tied back for personal safety and hygiene reasons. We appreciate your support of this request.

Important message from Public Health England

PHE is reminding parents that the national COVID-19 restrictions should not stop children from receiving life-saving vaccines. The NHS is ensuring that appointments are still available and that routine vaccinations should continue to go ahead. There are concerns that since the onset of the pandemic there has been a decline in the number of children receiving MMR and hexavalent (protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b and hepatitis B) vaccines. Without these vaccinations children are vulnerable to serious illness. Please contact your GP surgery if you have questions relating to your child's vaccination programme.

Advent and Christmas resources

The Diocesan Education Office have been partnering with South West Carols to develop resources linked to Advent and Christmas for families at home. Emailed along with this newsletter are links to a range of activities which your children might enjoy over the coming weeks. There is also an invitation to attend the online, South West Carols event, which is the biggest festive carols and nativity event in the South West.

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

FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu immunisation has now taken place at St. Margaret's. However it has become clear that there was a bit of a blip in the Virgincare on line booking system and quite a few children did not receive the immunisation even though parents had signed up. We have been in contact with Virgincare who are trying to arrange for these children to receive the immunisation at St. George's on 3rd December. If you haven't already done so please let the St. Margaret's office know if you would like your child to be added to the list.

ST GEORGE'S FLU IMMUNISATION

Due to the problems at St. Margaret's last week could parents wishing their child to have the flu immunisation at St. George's please check that they

have received an email from Virgincare confirming registration. If you haven't please contact Virgincare. The number is on the school website.

PLYMOUTH AQUARIUM TRIP

As it is highly unlikely that the St. Margaret's trip to Plymouth Aquarium will go ahead at anytime in the near future we would like to offer those parents who had already made a donation the chance to transfer the money to their child's dinner money account or use it to purchase uniform. We will of course also refund the money if that is your wish. Please bear with us with this though as we have limited cheque book facilities and have to carry out refunds in batches. Please let the St. Margaret's school office know your choice. Thank you.

ONLINE PANTO

We are in the process of obtaining an

online Christmas panto which can be shown in each classroom across the federation during the last week of term. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of 50p per child to cover the cost of the licence for this. More information will follow next week.

SIMS PARENT & SIMS PAY

We hope that you are all happy with our new Sims Parent app. We will be adding additional information to this as times go on. We are having a few problems with Sims Pay as the parents who are testing out the system have been unable to register card details. This problem has been reported to the software supplier and we are waiting for a resolution. We are hoping to go live with this on line payment system as soon as the problems are rectified.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME FOR NEXT WEEK:

Wisdom: sharing God-given talents

*"Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house". **Matthew 5:15***

"Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine."

Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

KEY DATES

Christmas Holiday—Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021 (Children return to school on Monday 4th January 2021)

February Half Term—Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

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