



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 30TH NOVEMBER 2018

Within Monday's Collective Worship, the children were given the opportunity to identify individuals in their lives who they find inspiring. It was extremely interesting to listen to the children describe a range of different people: friends who work in the health sector, parents who serve within the armed services, older relatives who fought in the second world war and Sir David Attenborough were named amongst many others. I found the children's responses to be very reassuring in that they clearly place great importance upon the merits of service and duty.

We have also been considering the season of advent which begins at the end of this week. The birth of baby Jesus impacted upon our world to such an extent that even though 2000 years have passed, the importance of the Christmas Story remains undiminished. For many people, Jesus' life on earth also acts as an inspiration for us to make our world a fairer, safer and more forgiving place.

Over the last three weeks of this term, we aim to strike a balance between remembering these core Christian messages associated with the birth of Jesus and at the same time, celebrating Christmas in a fun and joyous manner. We very much hope that you will be able to join us at some of the events detailed below.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the recent Children In Need charity. We not only raised monies totalling £398.05 but we also highlighted the stories of a number of children whose lives are in need of significant support.

Enjoy the week-end.

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

FONS DISCO

The first fund raising event for the newly formed Friends of Northam Schools (FONS) will be a school disco. This will take place on **Friday 7th December in the school hall at St. Margaret's**. There are different times for different year groups listed below:

Nursery, Reception & Year 1: 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4: 4.45pm - 5.45pm
Year 5 & Year 6: 6.00pm-7.00pm

DATES

We can now confirm times for Christmas events as follows:

Performances:

Reception: 2.30pm on 10/12 & 9.30am on 11/12

Year 1: 2.30pm & 5.00pm on 13/12

Year 2: 2.30pm & 5.00pm on 11/12

Lower School: 2.30pm & 6.00pm on 19/12

Upper School: 2.30pm & 6.00pm on 18/12

Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day:

St. George's -12/12

St. Margaret's -13/12

St. Margaret's Carol Service (in St. Margaret's Church): 9.30am on 21/12

St. George's Christingle (in St. Margaret's Church) 11am on 21/12

FONS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 7th December in exchange for tombola items for the Christmas Fayre which will be held after school on 14th December. Could we ask for items as follows:

Nursery & Reception: sweets and chocolate/**Year 1:** smellies.

Year 2: bottles/**Year 3:** sweets and chocolate/**Year 4:** smellies/**Year 5:** bottles.

Year 6: Christmas goodies.

If you are able to help at the Fayre please let either school office know.

CHRISTIAN AID CAROL CONCERT

Could members of the St. Margaret's choir singing at the Christian Aid Concert on Tuesday 4th December and their parents please meet Mrs Fryer & Mrs Pincombe at the Bideford Methodist Church at 6.15pm. School uniform to be worn.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

There will be a Scholastic Book Fayre in both St. George's and St. Margaret's between Thursday 6th December and Tuesday 11th December. The fayre will be open before school from 8.30am and after school until 3.40pm. There will be a different collection of books in each school.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

St. Margaret's Church will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st December between 10am and 12 noon with stalls and refreshments.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN

Westward Ho! Baptist Church will be holding a Family Fun session with craft making on Saturday 1st December between 4pm & 6pm with hot food and a free café.

PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE

This will be held in the Northam Hall on Sunday 2nd December between 11am and 2pm. This event is to raise money for a local family to help them purchase a much needed mobility vehicle.

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: Ella D-B, Alfie P, Tomasz C, Amelija O, Bailey T, Freya D, Jasmine W, Finley W, Maya W.

Marvellous Manners: Jayden P

Healthy Eating: Alfie P

Skylarks: Katie

Starfish: Alex B & Hermione

Sandpipers: Alice

Seahorses: Max, Charley B, Anya.

Remembrance Day Parade: Evie H

National Trust: Laila B.

Congratulations to our year 6 Sports Hall Athletics team who came 1st and qualified for the finals.

CAKE SALE - 5TH DECEMBER

On Wednesday December 5th, several mums are holding a cake sale in aid of a young father-of-4 who, through a tragic rugby accident 7 years ago, now needs 24/7 care, is blind & in a wheelchair. His children have all come through the schools. They are fundraising to purchase a mobility vehicle so that he is able to go out with his children. Please help them by sending your child in with cakes to sell and money to buy cakes. Thank you all in advance.

The Week Ahead:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: PRESENTS & GIVING/BIRTHDAYS

MONDAY: 11.30am - Mr Lewis in a meeting.

TUESDAY: AM - Mrs Fulford in a meeting. PM - Mr Williams in a meeting. 6.15pm - Christian Aid Concert.

WEDNESDAY: 11am - Mr Williams & Mrs Davis in a meeting. PM - Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings.

THURSDAY: Mr Williams out all day. Miss Fancourt out all day. Mrs Harris to cover. Mrs Buckeridge out. Mrs Sykes to cover. AM - Mrs Davis out.

FRIDAY: Mr Malyn, Miss Fancourt & Mrs Buckeridge out all day. Mrs Harris, Mrs Sykes & Mrs Mare to cover. **FONS DISCO**

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