



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 10TH JANUARY 2020

"To learn every day, to help each other and to be happy".

A very Happy New Year to you all! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at our Christingle and Carol Services. Your presence ensured that within St. Margaret's Church there was a real sense of community and belonging. Your tremendous support of your child's education is highly valued. I trust that you enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends and that the Christmas festivities were enjoyable.

We were really pleased to welcome the children back after our break. On Monday, within collective worship, we discussed Epiphany and the visitation of the Magi to the scene of the nativity. We discussed some similarities and differences between the wise men and the shepherds and concluded that in God's eyes we are all of equal importance.

Two items of note for this week:

Safeguarding update

Please can parents of children at St. Margaret's not enter the school building at the end of the day. Children are to be collected outside of the classrooms. Should you wish to come into the school building to look for an item of clothing or school equipment then please do so via the main entrance. Thank you for your support with this.

Governor vacancy

There are currently vacancies on the Governing Body. As the Executive Headteacher of the Federation, I can not express how grateful I am for the support and professional challenge provided by the Governors. If you are at all interested in the role then, in the first instance, please contact the school office and I would be delighted to meet up with you to discuss Governorship in general. There would not be any expectation of expressing a commitment to the role.

Enjoy your week-end, Mr. Jim Williams—Executive Headteacher

REMINDERS

Welcome back to all after the Christmas break. Can we just remind you of the following:

- As this term is normally cold and wet could you please ensure that your child has a coat in school each day.
- All children should have a P.E. kit in school each day as P.E. lessons sometimes change. The kit can be collected on a Friday for washing over the weekend.
- Ear-rings need to be removed before P.E. lessons - if your child cannot do this on their own please remove before they come into school.
- Don't forget to ring school as soon as possible in the morning if your child is ill. New government guidelines state that we may have to make a home visit if we cannot contact the parents of an absent child.
- If you wish the school to give your child prescribed medication then a form must be completed at the school office.
- Dinner money should be paid in advance or on the day. We cannot allow arrears to build up and text messages will be sent to remind parents when no payment has been received.

2020 DATES

- February Half Term** - 17th - 21st February 2020
- Last Day of Spring Term** - 27th March 2020
- First Day of Summer Term** - 14th April 2020
- Bank Holiday - FRIDAY** 8th May 2020 (VE Day)
- Half Term** - 25th May - 1st June 2020
- Last Day of Summer Term** - 17th July 2020

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to the Gliddon and Squire cross country runners who are taking part in their next run on Sunday.

PARKING

We have had several complaints this week from local residents about parking at dropping off and picking up times. Can we ask that you bear this in mind and are considerate to our school neighbours when parking. We have advised the residents to contact the local police if problems persist.

HEALTH VISITOR & SCHOOL NURSE SUPPORT

The Health Visitor and School Nurse team have asked us to let you know details of the support they can provide:
 Child & family health services delivered through the Healthy Child Programme.
 Feeding advice & support.
 Sleep & routines advice.
 Child behaviour and development.
 Toileting (including children & young people in school).
 Adopting healthy lifestyle choices.
 Young people's sexual health & relationships.
 Emotional health and mental health and well-being advice. Reducing risky behaviours (young people). Targeted hearing screening & managing medical conditions or health concerns in schools. Contact 0333 234 1904 for more information.

FONS

The next FONS meetings is 2pm on Friday 17th January at St. George's. All welcome to attend.

**The Week Ahead:
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME:**

- MONDAY:** 5.15pm - Resources Meeting. 6.30pm - Governing Body Meeting.
- TUESDAY:** AM—Mrs Davis in a meeting. AM—Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics. AM—Mr Williams in a meeting.
- WEDNESDAY:** Reception Trip to Exmoor Zoo. PM —Mrs Buckeridge out. Mrs Chugg to cover. 3.30pm—Mrs Davis in a meeting.
- THURSDAY:** PM—Year 6 Height & Weight Checks. 3.30pm—Mrs Davis in a meeting.
- FRIDAY:** Year 3 visit from Clive Pig (Ancient Egyptians) 9.00am—Stay & Play in

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