

# Northam Schools' Federation Newsletter.



FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2020

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

## Headteachers' Update

### Pick-up at St. Margaret's

An increasing number of parents are arranging to meet their child outside of the double gates on Windsor Road. This is resulting in children walking down the playground, against the large volume of adults and children, who are moving up through the playground in following the requested one-way exiting system. Please can this situation be avoided by following the one-way system. Contact the school office if you have any queries relating to these arrangements.

### Message from Dawn Stabb (Devon County Council: Head of Education and Learning)

Please follow the following link to read a key message from Dawn Stabb:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/children-education/letter-to-schools-to-relay-to-parents-ahead-of-half-term-holiday/>

### Half-Term Break

I hope that your telephone conversation with your child's class teacher last week, provided you with an insight into the progress made by your child, as well as an understanding of the key aspects of learning requiring development. In summary, the past 7 weeks have flown by and the children need to be congratulated on their outstanding attitudes to learning, which have been very much in evidence every day, since their return to school in September. They have settled back into their new routines with ease and have grasped the daily 'learning opportunities' with relish! Having benefited from a rest from the daily school routine next week, we look forward to the children returning to school on 02.11.20 with a renewed energy.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

## HALF-TERM

We hope you have a lovely half term break. The children have worked really hard this half term and deserve their break. Children return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

## CHARITY TIME TRIAL ROUND 2

This is a Covid friendly Cross Country event planned for children in year 3 upwards. The event supports two local charities, local heart screening for 14-35 year olds in association with Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) and the Hartland branch of the British Legion. The event takes place on Sunday 25th October from 11am—2pm at Carn Brae, Abbotsham, EX39 5AP (near the Big Sheep). The Kids Junior course is 1.8km, Kids Senior 2.6km & Adults 3.2km. Bookings need to be made in advance by 21st October. The link for bookings is <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-time-trial-round-2-tickets-122868598285> The entry fee is £6 plus a booking fee of £1.02.

## HALF TERM ACTIVITY

There will be a free, self-guided Halloween themed trail on Northam Burrows throughout the half term week. Download a map and head outdoors to find creepy creatures and strange

sculptures. Solve clues to reveal secret words. For more information and the full leaflet including maps visit the Northam Burrows website. The leaflets will also be shared using social media. Printed copies will be displayed on the Westward Ho! Toll booth and at the visitor centre.

## FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu immunisation for St. Margaret's takes place on 13th November. We are waiting for a date for St. George's to be confirmed. The link to register your child is on both school websites.

## MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Can we just remind you that if your child needs to take medication during the school day you must fill out a form at the school office. If your child has an asthma inhaler in school could you please ensure that a form has also been filled out. Thank you.

## HEADLICE

We have had some cases of headlice reported, particularly in year 3. Can we ask that you take the opportunity to check your child's hair during half-term and treat if necessary. We have the following advice from the school nurses on treatment: "Wet combing" is a very successful method for the detection and treatment of head lice. This removes the need for organophosphate

lotions.

1. Wash hair in the normal way, or wet completely.
  2. Massage a generous amount of conditioner into the scalp and hair
  3. With the conditioner still in, comb the hair to get rid of tangles.
  4. Using a "nit" comb, comb section by section from the roots to the ends.
  5. Any lice found on the comb should be removed. Dispose of any lice you find.
  6. After combing the whole head, the conditioner should be rinsed off
- This programme can be used to detect head lice early and should be done at least twice a week. If live head lice are found on the head the programme should be repeated every other day for at least two weeks, or more until no more live lice are detected

## ST. GEORGE'S FRUIT

Just a reminder that children at St. George's do not need to bring in fruit for their fruit break as there is a government scheme that supplies foundation and key stage one with fruit.

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME FOR NEXT WEEK:**

## **KEY DATES**

**Children return to school—Monday 2nd November 2020**  
**Christmas Holiday—Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021 (Children return to school on Monday 4th January )2021)**

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