

Northam Schools' Federation Newsletter.



FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2021

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

Headteachers' Update

St. George's Day

This week we have been discussing living in England, the life of Prince Philip as well as the story and messages which surround St. George. Happy St. George's Day to you all!

'Get Tested to Help Keep Devon Safe'

Testing has become a regular process now in schools but as we move to the next stage of Covid-19 restrictions easing, every adult in Devon is now being encouraged to take a quick, lateral flow test for coronavirus at least twice a week to help stop the virus spreading. For more information please see the attached update from Public Health Devon.

Clubs

This week a large number of children have enjoyed participating within our Summer Club programme. A wide range of activities are on offer including drumming, scootering, tennis, construction, gymnastics, athletics,

I am extremely grateful for all staff who are leading these activities and providing the children with an array of opportunities which bring them such fun and additional learning experiences. If you want to find out more information about our offer then please contact the school offices.

May Day

Despite the current restrictions which mean that traditional May Day public gatherings and celebrations are still not possible, we will still be acknowledging this important cultural event next week through a range of activities e.g. artwork, a procession and within our Collective Worship. We all hope that next year the local community will once again be able to gather in the town to enjoy traditional festivities.

Staff Update

Ms Vowden will be absent from school until later in the term as a result of her undergoing a routine operation. We wish Ms Vowden well in her recovery and look forward to her return in due course. Please contact the school office if you wish to speak with a member of staff for support or advice which you would normally seek from Ms Vowden.

WELCOME BACK

We hope you had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the sunshine. This is normally a busy term with lots of outside activities. Could you please ensure your child puts suncream on in the morning if it is a warm day and brings a hat to school if at St Margaret's (hats supplied at St George's). Thank you.

BIG PEDAL

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2021, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 19 April to 30 April. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved. What do you need to do? Encourage your child (ren) to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way. If you can't join in everyday our school will be entering the one-day challenge on Tuesday 27th April. Each class will

be recording how many teachers, children, parents and siblings walk, scoot or cycle to school. Please join us and take part! For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk. Enjoy the challenge! You and your family can win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child (ren) cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin. To be in with a chance of winning, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook facebook.com/Sustrans.

SIMS PAY

After several test runs we are now nearly ready to go live with our on-line payment system. We will be inviting one year group at a time to register with Sims Pay starting with year group 3. Look out for an email next week with registration details.

BAGS 2 SCHOOLS

As we have not received many bags yet we have changed the collection date for the bags2schools collection to 18th June 2021.

If you are having a clear out at home we can accept the following items which need to be placed in a black bin liner: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, household linen, curtains, bedding, soft toys.

Please drop your black bag off at **St. George's Infant School**. Items such as duvets, pillows, carpets, rugs, school uniform or soiled items cannot be accepted.

Weekly Collective Worship Theme

Compassion

“Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength.” *Dalai Lama*

KEY DATES

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021
May Half Term: Monday 31st May—Sunday 6th June
Non Pupil Day: Monday 7th June
Summer Holiday: Monday 26th July

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