

Northam Schools' Federation Newsletter.



FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2020

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

Headteachers' Update

Remembrance Sunday / Armistice Day

The virtues of compassion and remembrance have been the themes of our collective worship this week. This week, we have reminded ourselves of the importance of reflection and in the context of Remembrance Sunday, of the significance of the sacrifice made by those who have served and continue to serve with in the armed services. This opportunity to give thanks for all that we have whilst at the same time considering the needs of those around us, is one which we value greatly across the Federation.

Children In Need

We appreciate your support of the annual Children in Need charitable event, by sending your child into school wearing clothes which makes them 'feel good'. There are many excellent activities, video clips, resources to be found on the following website which may be of interest to you this evening and over the week-end: www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk

Monday 16th November is Odd sock Day!

The national anti-bullying week begins on 16.11.20 and to mark the beginning of this event the children are invited to wear **odd socks** to school on Monday. This is an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All the children have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. It couldn't be simpler!

Enjoy your week-end, Mr. Jim Williams (Headteacher)

FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu immunisation at St. Margaret's has been carried out today. Children who have received the immunisation will bring home an information leaflet. The date for immunisation at St. George's has now been confirmed for Thursday 3rd December. Parents who wish their child to be immunised need to follow the link to the online booking form 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.

ST. MARGARET'S RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

We are still hoping that the residential trips to London and PGL will go ahead in May next year. We are in communication with both NST Travel and PGL and will let parents whose children are already booked on the trips have more information when we receive it.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner this year will be a very different format than usual. Our kitchen staff are having a lot of problems with delays in food deliveries and a shortage of supplies. This year the children will have a Christmas themed picnic

lunch in a picnic bag which they will decorate themselves in school. They will, of course, be able to wear their Christmas jumper on the day.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Discussions are taking place at the moment on how to safely share class Christmas performances with parents. Watch this space for more information on which platform will be used and when each individual performance will be.

PARENT'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to those of you who have returned your parent questionnaire via email. If anyone requires a paper copy please let either office know. The results of the questionnaires will be collated over the next few weeks.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME FOR NEXT WEEK:

Friendship (anti-bullying week)

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

– Walter Winchell

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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