



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 14TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the first full week back at school, I hope that the children are all feeling settled within their new classes and settings. I have certainly enjoyed joining the children within their learning. It is always a pleasure to listen to the children explain their interpretations and understanding of events. We strive to provide the children with as many opportunities as possible to express themselves, both in and outside of the classroom. The importance of acquiring a rich varied vocabulary should never be underestimated. By reading and talking with our children on a daily basis, we increase the likelihood of children being able to express themselves coherently. If you are unsure as to how you can support us in achieving this aim then please contact your child's class teacher. The safety of the pupils is always a priority. The following points are all aimed at ensuring a safe arrival and departure from school. St. Margaret's school site will be opened at 8:40 a.m. when the playground will be supervised. On dropping off your child at St. Margaret's we request that all adults exit the school site via the bottom gate and not through the main school building after the bell has gone. Finally, for any children arriving late (after 9:00 a.m.) they must report to the main school office. Thank you for your support with this.

Next week we will be informing the children of the range of clubs which the children will be able to attend this term. A letter will be sent home early next week, detailing the nature of the club and requesting the necessary written permission. These clubs will start during the week beginning September 24th.

I hope you enjoy your week-end. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher).

MUSIC LESSONS

Due to the building works taking place at St. Margaret's music lessons will not start until after half-term. The peripatetic music teachers should be in contact with those of you who have signed up for the various lessons.

FEDERATION PARENT COFFEE MORNING

There will be a parent coffee morning for parents from both schools on Friday 21st September in the Resources Room (mobile classroom) at St. George's. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

FRUIT BREAK

Following on from last week's newsletter children in Year 1 and Year 2 do not need to bring fruit in for fruit break as this is provided by the Fruit for Schools scheme.

YEAR 2 LUNCH

Due to unforeseen difficulties with the timing and logistics for the year 2 lunches at St. Margaret's the children will remain at St. George's for lunch from Monday. This will be reviewed during the summer term as part of the transition programme.

SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to all the gymnasts who took part in the Exeter Challenge last weekend.

St. Margaret's are hoping to enter some teams into the Gliddon and Squire Cross Country League which starts on Sunday 23rd September. The first race is at Kingsley School, Bideford. Registration opens at 8.30am. For further details go to www.northdevonxcleague.weekly.com **Chivenor Soccer School** who have links with Southampton football club are running a pre-academy on Tuesdays for children in year 1,2 & 3 from 4.30pm - 6.00pm at Bideford College. Trials are on Tuesday 18th and 25th September. If invited training starts the following week and is free of charge.

Tennis for Kids - this is a new tennis after school club run by ARC which will be held on a Wednesday from 3.30 - 4.30pm at St. George's (starting 19th September) and Thursday from 3.30- 4.30pm at St. Margaret's (starting 20th September).

The charge for the 6 week course is £25.00. Places must be booked online <http://www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/northam-federation>. Spaces at the club are limited but a waiting list will be kept for the next round.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken at St. Margaret's on Tuesday 18th September. If you want photos taken with pre-school children these will start from 8.45am in the hall

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: Max W, George S, Eliana K, Tobias L, Makayla G, Finley R, Chloe D, Jacob W.

Starfish, Seahorse, Sandpipers & Skylarks: All of the children for an excellent start to the new term.

The Week Ahead: COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: St Matthew - Following Jesus We are all on a Journey

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: SCHOOL PHOTOS AT ST. MARGARET'S. 9am - Mrs Davis in a meeting.

WEDNESDAY: Mrs Chance out all day. AM - Mrs Fulford & Mrs Prangley in a meeting. Mrs Evans-Lee in St. George's Office. Miss Taylor in St. Margaret's Office. 10am - Miss Lobbett in a meeting.

THURSDAY: Mrs Chance out all day. PM - Mr Williams & Mr Lewis in a meeting.

FRIDAY: Mrs Chance out all day. 9am - Parents' Coffee Morning.

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