

# Northam Schools' Federation Newsletter.



FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2020

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

## HARVEST CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to every one who was able to send in a food item today in support of our annual Harvest appeal. Rev. Derek and his team will be collecting the items of produce and then taking the donations to the Harbour Charity, in Bideford, for distribution to those people living locally who are in need of assistance.

**PROVISION FOR HOME LEARNING :** Alongside this newsletter you will have received important information which provides an update on how, in the event of a child, class or year group bubble having to isolate, your child's teacher will continue to provide an education for your child via either 'Google Classroom', Purplemash' or paper work-packs. Please contact the School Office if you have not received this information.

## ACCESS TO ST. GEORGE'S

The two new access points to the St. George's site via Burrows Lane are nearing completion. Once the new fence and gates have been installed (early next week), we will be advising you accordingly about revised drop-off and pick-up arrangements.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME: FAIRNESS

Next week we will be discussing the aspiration of living in a world where fairness pervades society. There will be a focus on the 'Black Lives Matter' movement, which has been gathering momentum as the year has progressed.

Have a good week-end, Mr. Jim Williams (Executive Headteacher)

## Headteachers' Update

## PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

All Parents should have now received information on how to log on to book an appointment for next week's parent/teacher consultations. If you either haven't received the information or are having trouble logging in please contact the school office. We have had a few problems with the system this time around and are aware that a large number of parents who logged in last year aren't now able to do so whilst the other parent who did not make the appointment last year are. If the person who has made the appointment is not the one you wish to receive the call please let either school office know. We have also had some feedback about the use of yet another app. Unfortunately we cannot use our new Parent App to book appointments but if you do not wish to download the ESchools app you are able to log in via the school website relevant for your child. Dates for the appointments are below:

**Monday 12th October: Year 5 & Year 2**

**Tuesday 13th October: Year 3 & Year 1**

**Wednesday 14th October—Year 6**

**Thursday 15th October—Year 4**

## PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

All parents in both schools should have received a letter this week asking for nominations for the role of parent governor. If you would like more information or did not receive the letter please contact either school office. Nominations need to be returned by Friday 23rd October. If there is a need for an election we will let you know after half term. We also require two foundation governors. If you wish to be considered for this role please let us know.

## PARENT APP

A large number of parents have successfully signed up to our new Parent App although there are a few parents with more than one child who have only been able to register for one of their children. We are working with

the company who supplied the software to rectify this and hope to have a solution by next week so please bear with us. We hope in time that the Parent App can be developed further enabling parents to view school reports and assessment data on-line.

We are also in the testing stage for our new on-line payment system for parents and hope that this will go live after half term. Unfortunately this does mean downloading another app but this one (Sims Pay) will link with the Parent App.

## EQUIPMENT

With the weather now changing and becoming the normal autumn wind and rain could we please ask that you ensure that your child has a coat in school each day and **their school jumper to wear on their P.E. day.** Correct P.E. kit is to be worn. Can we also remind you that children need to bring a water bottle to school every day. Many thanks.

## QUOTES ON FAIRNESS

There is no true peace without fairness, truth, justice and solidarity (Pope John Paul II).

Lack of fairness to an opponent is essentially a sign of weakness (Emma Goldman).

## KEY DATES

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**—week commencing 12th October 2020

**Non Pupil/Staff Training Day**—Friday 23rd October 2020

**Half Term Week**—Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 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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