

Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 10th November 2023

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wet and windy week it has been! This week we have been focussing on remembrance in our worship time. We have been learning about the significance of the poppy and what it means to remember. Today we have taken part in a minutes silence to pay respect to those who fought and died for the freedoms we enjoy today.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say that we currently have places in our breakfast club, which runs from 7.40-8.40 daily. If you would like to book a place for your child please contact the school office. The onsite after school club (Our Happy Place) provides after school child care daily. To book a place, please contact Jemma on 07368425219. Our Happy Place also run a holiday club which will next be running 18th - 21st December. 8.30am -4.30pm.

Finally, Barnstaple is set to become the celestial centrepiece of North Devon this December, as the "Museum of the Moon", a captivating artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram, lands in the newly regenerated Barnstaple Pannier Market. The event is fully funded, making it accessible and inclusive for everyone and is an exciting opportunity to witness a masterpiece of art and science. For more information and to book tickets, [click here](#).



Have a restful weekend,
Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

TOY DONATIONS WANTED

Having a pre-Christmas clearout?
Any unwanted toys please bring into reception between now until 28th November ready for our Christmas Toy Sale starting on the 30th November.

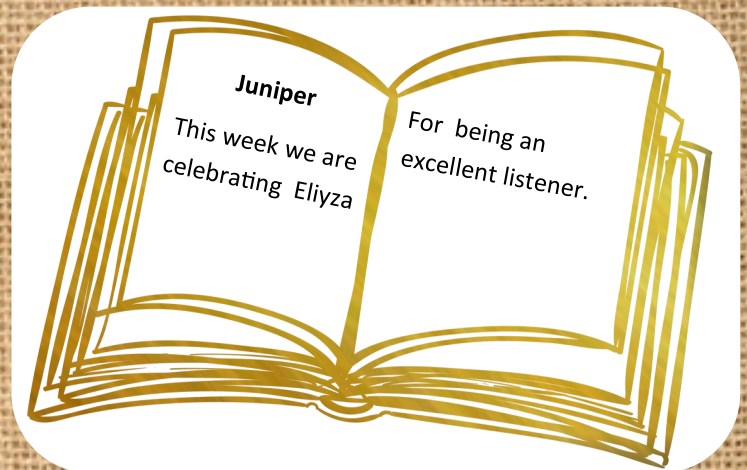
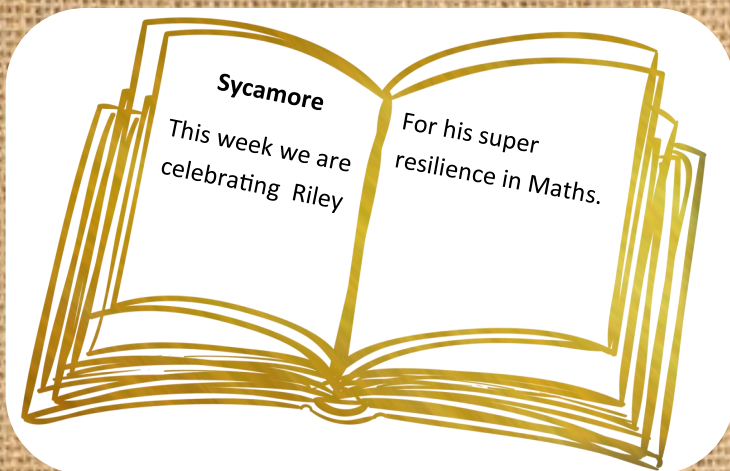
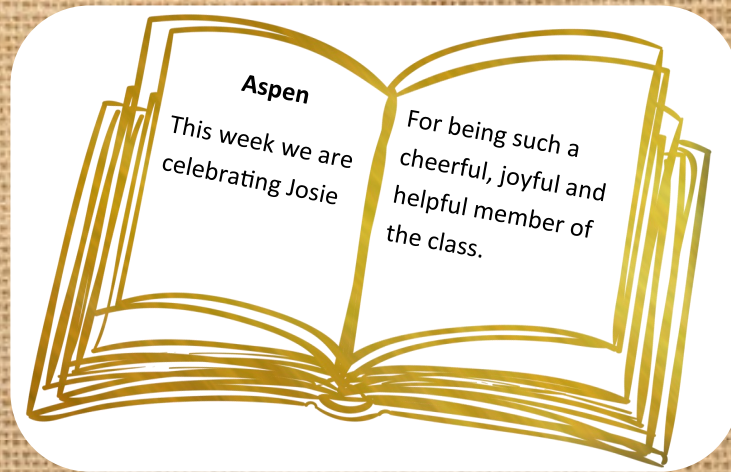
Thank you for supporting Fons x

School Diary Dates

Monday 13th November	Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Children can wear pyjamas or anything spotty for £1 donation
Thursday 23rd November	Vision Screening for Reception Opt out forms emailed if you do not wish your child to take part
Thursday 30th November & Friday 1st December	2.30-4.30pm Toy Sale at St George's
Friday 15th December	Christingle Service St Margaret's Church

Autumn Term	6th Sept —15th Dec 2023
Non Pupil Day	20th Oct 2023
October Half Term	23rd –27th Oct 2023
Spring Term	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
February Half Term	12th—16th Feb 2024
Non Pupil Day	19th Feb 2024
Summer Term	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
May Half Term	27th –31st May 2024

Golden Book



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Weekly Attendance



Being around teachers and friends in a school or college environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. *The Education Hub Blog 2023*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Aspen –97.4%

Beech - 98.6%

Cherry - 97.5%

Sycamore - 95%

Juniper - 96.9%

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

**CHILDREN'S
WORKSHOP OF
PEACE**
**JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND
CRAFT!**
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Side by Side Taw & Torridge is a parent led organisation that offers face to face support groups for parents and carers of children, young people and adults with additional needs.

If you are a parent or carer struggling to navigate the different services for health and education, then come and join one of our friendly support sessions and connect with other families living similar circumstances.

November Dates

Friday 10th – St John's Garden Centre Café, St John's Lane (Next to Tesco) from 11am. Any questions please contact Bonnie: **07377625276**

Tuesday 14th - Morrison's Supermarket Café, Bideford from 10:30am.

Any questions please contact Natalie: **07966910527**

Tuesday 21st – Lemon Tree Café, Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am

Any questions please contact Janice: **07869436621**

Thursday 30th – Online Specialist Education and EHCP support session from 7-9pm

Any questions and to book a place contact Tracey: **07921220840**

Email: sidebysidebarnstaple@outlook.com

Find us on [Facebook](#)



Meal Time Assistant Vacancy



We are seeking a caring and compassionate individual to join our team of dedicated meal time assistants. This vacancy is for 1 hour 30 minutes a day between 11.40 and 1.10.

If you enjoy playing with children, supporting their eating, helping children when they fall, we are looking for you!

This position is 38 weeks per year and the pay grade is A2 £10.60 per hour.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the school office to get an application form.

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The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for Winter has now gone live in Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

**Please share far and wide!
Places are limited**

Places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>

MERRY XMAS



Calling all children to come and visit..

'Santa's' Gift Vestry

Sock Snowmen

Children's Craft Chapel

... at *Holy Trinity Church*
on *Saturday 25th November*
from *10am til 12pm*

This is part of our ...
Christmas Coffee Morning
so bring your parents with you to enjoy the cake, craft and other stalls, raffle etc over a great cup of coffee!
There will be a £3 charge towards craft costs



Christmas Craft Day 2023

This is the club for your children.
Running 8am - 6pm on the 2nd December 2023.

A day to drop your children off with us, knowing they are happy, cared for, and entertained while you do what you need to do. We will be creating, making, cooking, playing, glittering and making everything sparkle ready for Christmas.

This will cost £45 for the day with 10% sibling discount available. We accept tax free childcare payments, BACs and Cash. Payment at time of booking to secure your place.

Email Jemma for registration forms and bookings.

Our Happy Place Ltd
ourhappyplaceltd@hotmail.com

Northam Federation's

CHRISTMAS
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TOY SALE



**@ST GEORGES SCHOOL HALL ON THE
30TH NOV & 1ST DEC FROM 2.30PM**