



The Pinvin Fed-Express

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Welcome to TPFOS 2017

The Federation has seen a few changes in personnel and has an exciting staff team for January 2017. Mrs Chatterton is certainly relishing her role as Acting Head of School at PFS. Already she has been supporting the day to day operations of the school, making sure that she has an overview of teaching and learning and perhaps, most importantly, she has participated in her first ever Gold Book on a Friday. Mrs Sanders is enjoying having Year 1 on a full time basis and has already set the educational visit bar really high with a visit to the ice rink. Year 3 have had an excellent start to 2017 and it feels like that Mrs Greenfield has never been away and that Mrs Coote has been part of the school for a much longer period of time. Our new Year 3 team have already built positive relationships with the pupils and are more than happy to answer any queries or questions that you may have as parents. In Reception we say a short term farewell to Mrs Groves who will be going on Maternity leave next week. She has been a great support to Mr Best over the past term in her acting assistant head role and will be missed, though we know she will be back. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Tiffany O'Dell who is taking up a new post at Pershore library. She has been a popular member of our lunchtime supervisor team and we wish her well.

In the Middle School we are announcing the news that Mr Jim Kehoe will be stepping back from his role as Deputy Head as of September 2017. We have managed though to retain his services and avoid any retirement as he takes on what will be a part-time mainly mathematics teaching post, which is great news for us. We would like to pay tribute to a great practitioner, who is popular with staff, pupils and parents alike and are delighted that he will continue to be a permanent fixture at the Federation. Miss Mc Swinney has already settled in well to Middle School life and is building on the work of Mrs Gemson in furthering art, design and technology provision. Miss Laura Smith is relishing the opportunity of having responsibility for English in an acting capacity at the Middle School. She has already conducted an early Pupil Voice and book scrutiny as she begins to continue the work of Mrs Chatterton in leading English.

Safeguarding

A reminder that the Federation has put in place a new visitor entry system which is designed to make it easier for visitors to log in and out of the Federation.

In terms of mobile phones, we have taken on board feedback from the last Parent Forum and Middle School pupils and parents will be receiving a mobile phone home/school contract that is designed to further support our approach to e-safety. At PFS pupils are not allowed to carry a mobile phone.

Early Sports Success (SNMS)

The Middle School PE Department are delighted with some early sporting success in 2017. After a 13 year wait, the Year 7 swimming team won the overall Swimming Gala Award last week. Well done to all the pupils who attended the Gala.

Changes to the First School (PFS)

The First School is receiving a makeover to increase the interior space that is available for the pupils and staff. This will be ongoing and involves opening up the old office.

Skills Shows

The expectations for English and mathematics have changed significantly since the start of the new national curriculum. We feel it as vital that you as parents have a greater understanding of what this looks like on a day to day basis in both schools. Do you know your pathetic fallacy from your subordinating conjunction? Are you familiar with the current methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division? As a Federation we are putting together a skills show for parents/carers that will go through current methodology and practice and will involve the pupils sharing with you approaches to both English and mathematics. We will be hosting an English based skills show in the PFS hall and a mathematics based skill show in the SNMS hall. The skills show will take place on the **30th January 2017 between 9.15am-10am** for the morning show and **2.15pm-3.15pm** for the afternoon show.

Parent View

We are looking at ways of trying to capture as much parent voice as possible over the coming term. We will be trialling online surveys that Mrs Ellie Tudge will be leading on for the Federation. We will also be capturing parent view as part of our parent consultation process with opportunities to talk to senior leaders and to contribute to current areas that we are focusing on.



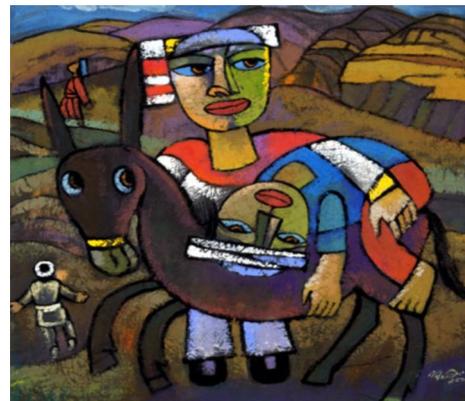
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Agape and Social Responsibility

The Christian Value for the next half term is Agape. In school, agape translates into an ethos of care and concern which embraces all members of the school community and beyond. It should not be thought of as a wishy-washy concept—it can take the form of “tough love” for the good of the community. We are closely aligning this Christian Value with the concept of social responsibility, which we feel is an area for development for us as a school. We are encouraging our pupils to demonstrate that sense of community and responsibility every day through their actions. Inspired by the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we are asking them to reflect at home and in school about how they work with others, how they treat the environment around them and the extent to which they demonstrate community responsibility. We are taking this seriously, please help us with this at home.



Interim Reports

On **Tuesday 17th January** you will be receiving a very short interim report that will indicate whether your child is on track to make Age Related Expectations (ARE) by the end of the year. The report will be based on the most recent assessment evidence. Where pupils are not on track for ARE currently teachers will be working on providing additional support through quality first teaching and there may be in some cases additional interventions provided by other adults.

Lunchtime Provision Parent Pay

We have worked on behalf of the parent body to change the online ordering system with our catering provider ‘Chartwells’. We were, as many of you were aware, eager to change from the Bluerunner system which we felt was not working effectively to a more efficient system. Chartwells have listened to our concerns and have now implemented the system of parent pay. We are eager to receive some early feedback on the effectiveness of this as a system in the next few weeks please.

Club Opportunities and Children’s University

We have expanded the range of clubs even further this term, with greater provision at Pinvin CE First School in the area of the Arts, with the inclusion of pupils from Year 3 and 4. We will be hosting an event that will share what the pupils have been developing in their respective Arts based clubs. The showcase event will take place on **Thursday 9th March at 6.30pm** and will be organised by Mrs Cheryl Hooper on behalf of the Federation.

Last term we were delighted that we had 4 graduates from the Federation who attended a ceremony at The University of Worcester. Uptake for the Children’s University has been good, but as so many pupils are attending clubs now, we are encouraging even greater participation. Passports for the Children’s University are available from the office for a cost of £3.

PHS Ski Trip Advert (Year 7 SNMS)

Pershore High School Ski and Snowboard Trip to Serre Chevalier, France: Friday 7th April – Friday 14th April 2017

They have up to 5 places to offer Year 7 pupils!

The school is planning a skiing and snowboarding trip to Serre Chevalier, France during the 2017 Easter Holiday. The trip has been booked through Select School Skiing, the cost will be £830 per student and has opened this up to Year 7. The trip will consist of 5 days skiing with 5 hours of lessons each day from a qualified instructor, plus an hour for lunch. There will be different ability groups for the students to choose from, so it doesn't matter if your child is a total expert or a complete novice. The cost also includes: 5 day lift pass, hire of skiing equipment (students may bring their own equipment if they prefer), full board accommodation, insurance, transport and a programme of après ski activities.

If you require any further information regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dominique Edwards via email: de2@persshore.worcs.sch.uk

Polite Reminder

We do ask that parents refrain from parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the First School please, thank you.