



The Pinvin Fed-Express

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Collaborative Working Success

We are now one month into the Collaboration between three wonderful and very individual church schools. Already we can see the benefits on the ground of partnership work and ultimately it is making a difference for our students. We have many shared priorities for the next academic year, which means better value for money in terms of training and development in these areas. We have made some changes in areas such as Positive Behaviour and the Curriculum, which continue to benefit the children in their transition from First to Middle. We have reviewed key policies and already aligned them across the three schools, taking into account the individual identity and age of the pupils. One of the nicest elements has been the sharing of staffing and events. Mr Alan Dodson has been working with Mrs Sara Hedges at Himbleton on Rock Star Maths, a big success of the Federation. In return, the Federation has benefited from weekly swimming support from the experienced Mrs Glover from Himbleton. Shared events have also gone down a treat, with the Collaboration Bake Off a resounding success in getting pupils, parents and governors involved. Our links with Tanzania have also been widened as all three schools have an established relationship with the country and the people and will be working together to support our next visit. As church schools we all share the Christian Value of Koinonia and seeing this in action so quickly across all three schools has been really good.

Staffing Update

We are delighted today at the Middle School to welcome back Mr Matthew Modley who will phase back to work over the next three weeks. We have really missed him and I know our Year 5 students will be pleased to have him back in particular. His absence has impacted slightly on our Club offer across the Federation for the Autumn Term and the priority initially will be getting him back to full fitness with us before offering any additional opportunities.

We say a fond farewell for the short term to both Mrs Natali Brown and Mrs Jenna Greenfield. Both members of the staff team will be going on maternity leave and we wish them well. In terms of the First School, the Reception class will be taught by Mrs Clare Kilby all week with the exception of Wednesday morning when Mrs Olivia Sanders will be teaching them. This arrangement is in place until Mrs Julie Groves joins us in December. At St Nicholas, Mrs Brown's teaching will be delivered by Mrs Sally Coleman, an Art and Design specialist teacher. With all our Maternity leaves, we will update you with any news.

Collaboration Priorities for 2017-2018

The Collaboration has set a strategic plan for the next academic year. Overall the performance in all 3 schools looks strong and we continue to appoint teaching and non-teaching staff with a breadth of skills and experience. In terms of performance data we continue to maintain areas of strength but crucially build on areas for development. Mathematics performance overall, pupils achieving greater depth in writing and the performance of boys, in particular are areas to celebrate. So what are we working on improving this year?

Priorities 2017-2018:

Priority 1: (Leadership and Management)

To fully implement and embed the leadership structure across the Collaboration so that it impacts positively in all subjects on pupil outcomes.

Priority 2: (Teaching, Learning and Assessment)

To develop a streamlined assessment system, the retention and further development of high standards, a curriculum offer that motivates teachers and a profile of teaching and learning that inspires all.

Priority 3: (Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare)

To make measurable impact on pupils conduct and learning behaviour alongside developing relationships with all stakeholders especially in relation to supporting the most vulnerable learners.

Priority 4: (Outcomes)

To improve differentiation, contextualised learning, pupil independence, equity of opportunity, opportunities for application and spirituality for all pupil groups especially the most vulnerable and girls.

POPS

We would like to thank the out-going POPS team, in particular Mrs Amanda Rushton for their dedication and service in raising money for Pinvin CE First School. We are delighted though that POPS will continue under Mrs Nichola Bennett and Ms Sharon Edwards. They are very eager to get new parents involved, in whatever way you are able. Please see them both for further details.

SNMS Friends

Mrs Mandy Pyne takes on the chair of the SNMS Friends this year and we once again encourage parents to get involved.



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E-Safety

Thinkuknow is an award-winning on and offline safety programme for children and young people, professionals and parents that has been developed by the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command.

Delivered through a network of 100,000 qualified professionals across the UK, Thinkuknow provides accurate and informative, age appropriate advice and guidance about relationships and internet safety.

The programme has innovative cartoons and videos.

Over 3.5 million children a year in the UK already benefit from Thinkuknow.

Resources for parents and carers can be downloaded at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

DOWMAT Update

The Federation of St Nicholas CE Middle School and Pinvin CE First School are already key players in the Diocese of Worcester Multi-Academy Trust. They will be joined by Hibleton CE First School, all being well, by Easter 2018.

In DOWMAT news, the Trust have appointed a new Chief Executive Officer. Mrs Claire Davies is an experienced head teacher and takes up her post more formally in January 2018. She has already been out to visit our schools and has been impressed with our offer and the quality of provision.

PFS Gold Collective Worship

If you are new to Pinvin CE First School, one of our highlights of the week is our special Gold Collective Worship on a Friday afternoon. We really enjoy the opportunity of coming together as a First School community, sharing the children's work and having some fun. Please come and join us. We also have a rota of when classes will be taking a lead and sharing their learning at that time.

Middle School Pupil Independence

We are having a real drive on pupil independence this year. Please support us at home by getting your child to do the following:

- ◆ Be responsible for their own Homework schedule
- ◆ Making sure they are responsible for bringing their equipment and PE kit
- ◆ Doing as much for themselves as possible: some cooking, cleaning and tidying up all helps

Club Late Collection

We will be taking a tough stance this year with pupil collection from school operated clubs. We do appreciate that on the very, very odd occasion and for specific reasons out of parental control, that pupils maybe collected late. However there is a current trend of repeated late collection. Teaching and non-teaching staff give up there own time to operate clubs and therefore if pupils are late in being collected, parents will receive a letter which will state that a future late collection will result in the pupils no longer being able to attend.

Late Collection and Arrival

A huge thank you to parents and carers with what has been an excellent start to the year in collecting pupils promptly at the end of the day. We genuinely really appreciate this and it makes a difference to how we operate. The start of the day is now a real target for us, we have a few numbers of persistent late attendees, these will be followed up through formal processes that could result in a fine from the Local Authority.

MacMillan Coffee Morning and Skills Show

The Collaboration of schools hosted MacMillan coffee mornings last week. It was lovely to see so many parents and members of the community share a cake and a drink with us. It was also really good to see the pupils involved in delivering the event and take on their role as ambassadors and citizens. In addition, on the day we hosted a Virtual Skills Show at the Middle School which was put together by Mr Alan Dodson. The aim was to share the core approaches that we take to basic skills in English and Mathematics. There is now a link available from the Federation website but you can also access this by typing the following into your browser: <https://sites.google.com/st-nicholas.worcs.sch.uk/virtualskillsshow/>

