



The Pinvin Fed-Express

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Review of the Year

The Federation has had an exceptionally busy but very successful year. The last two weeks in particular provided a picture of our pupils at their very best. The two productions, in Year 4 and Year 7 were an absolute pleasure to see and summarise a year that has included positive Inspection results and many creative opportunities for the pupils. We will not rest on our laurels and will aim to build on what we have achieved this year over the next twelve months. We look forward to September and taking the Federation further forward.

Staffing

As a Federation we continue to pass on our heartfelt best wishes to Mr Warren Bennett who is missed by us all.

It is that time of year when we welcome new staff to our Federation but also say a farewell to those who have served us over the years.

We welcome to Pinvin CE First School the experienced Mrs Olivia Sanders to Year 1 in September. She will join Mrs Jenna Greenfield and has already been into school to meet with the pupils and staff.

At the Middle School, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Nikki Marston, Mrs Clare Jones and Mrs Elaine Powell. All three members of the team have given their time to the pupils under their care and will be missed by us all. We wish them well as they go onto new opportunities and challenges.

As they move on we welcome a new Teaching Assistant Karen Boyden to us. Karen has Middle School experience and will be an asset to the team.

Meet the Teacher at PFS

We like to hit the ground running in September and get the earliest dialogue we can with you in terms of our expectations, curriculum and homework guidance that we have in each year group. We are therefore offering the following sessions that will take place in the PFS Hall.

Year 1 and 2: 7th September 2016 at 3.30pm-4.00pm

Year 3 and 4: 8th September 2016 at 3.30pm-4.00pm

PFS Office Migration and Single Main Entrance

As of the start of the Autumn Term 2016 we will be migrating to a single Federation based administrative team. The rationale behind this is to improve the day to day functioning of both schools and to reduce duplication of work. Over the past eighteen months the office staff have begun to operate as one across the two schools and this has allowed us to work much more effectively. Shared ordering and purchasing, use of the same suppliers have resulted in cost savings which are ultimately mean that we have more money to spend on the pupils. Currently there are no members of the office team during lunchtimes at the First School and the office is manned for a shorter period of time which results in teaching staff completing some administrative functions, which a central office will resolve. The other issue can be the number of phone lines and staff available to receive calls in both schools, which has at times been limited.

Importantly for you as parents, there will be no change in the administrative personnel, Mrs Sheila Dobell and Mrs Colleen Clements will be working the same days as they do currently, but will join Mrs Sue Townley, Mrs Anna Denne, Mrs Valerie Hunt and Mrs Carol Bates in the single office.

Migration to a single office will start over the summer. As of the start of the Autumn Term we ask that all office enquiries go to the Federation office which is where the SNMS office currently is. If you are collecting or dropping off a child for whatever reason, it will be from the Federation based office. If you are visiting, please come to the new central based office also. This is bound to take a bit of getting used to but we believe it will benefit the pupils longer term.

Meet the Year Team at SNMS

As a Middle School we would like to offer the opportunity to meet the team of staff that will be the form, English and Maths teachers in the Autumn Term. We will go through key points in relation to our expectations, curriculum and homework guidance. The sessions will take place in the SNMS Hall.

Year 5: 7th September 2016 at 4.30pm-5.00pm

Year 6 and 7: 8th September 2016 at 4.30pm-5.00pm

Parent Questionnaire and September Information Update

A huge thank you to those of you who completed the parent questionnaire and survey for the First and the Middle School. One of the key areas that we are continuing to develop as a Federation is homework and this was identified in the questionnaires as an area for development. We will be hosting a parent information session on **Monday 12th September 2016 at 7pm**. The meeting will be based at the Middle School and will contain information about both schools. In the meeting we will go through some key information in relation to Homework, Communication, Behaviour, Reporting and Assessment.