



# The Pinvin Fed-Express

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## Welcome Back

A warm welcome back on behalf of us all at the Pinvin Federation. The Summer has been a busy time for both schools as we aim to improve some of our core facilities. At PFS we have seen the development of a new and improved outdoor area for Year 1 pupils. The focus has been on enhancing the learning for pupils and on improving the aesthetics of this area. In addition at the Middle School we have seen a complete refurbishment of the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls toilets. This upgrade has resulted in brand new cubicles, toilets, tiling and contemporary electric hand dryers.

## PFS Office Migration Update

We were aiming for a full migration of the PFS Office over the summer period but have been delayed by technical works that will now be undertaken in the October half-term. We will therefore operate as two separate offices with the changeover now forecast for the beginning of November. Currently the phone line at PFS is experiencing difficulties and calls are being forwarded to the Middle School. We are hoping that this is resolved very shortly but rest assured, we have plenty of staff to field your calls and we work closely together.

## Other News

We are delighted for Mrs Julie Groves who is expecting her second child. We are anticipating that she will go on maternity leave from the beginning of the Spring Term. In terms of new staff, we welcome Mr Sean Storey to SNMS as he crosses the path from Year 4, alongside Mrs Karen Boyden, a welcome addition to our Teaching Assistant team and Mrs Olivia Sanders, who joins us on a part-time basis in Year 1.

## 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 following the 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**

## Best Wishes Mr Warren Bennett

You should have received a letter at the end of last term that expressed our sadness that Mr Warren Bennett has now retired as Head of School. He has been suffering with renal failure for the last year and sadly this is on-going. We received final confirmation of his retirement on the Thursday before we broke up, so were unable to inform you sooner, having worked hard to make sure that his service to the school is rightly recognised in an appropriate way.

Mr Warren Bennett has been a tremendous servant to the First School for the last few years. He will be very much missed by us all and will be very fondly remembered as a caring, dedicated leader, inspirational teacher with a great dry sense of humour.

We want to recognise the service that he has given the First School in the coming Autumn Term. We will be hosting a special assembly where, depending on his health on the day, hopefully, Mr Bennett will join us so that we can say our goodbyes. If you would like to give a donation towards a gift for Mr Bennett, please pass it to either school office at the start of the term.

We are now recruiting for a Deputy Head at the First School which will be a similar role to that undertaken by Mr Bennett but with some responsibilities across the Federation. The new appointment will start as of January 2017 and will join our wider leadership team. Mrs Julie Groves will be acting as Assistant Head for the Autumn Term, bringing a wealth of experience to this role. She will work closely with Natalie Rushton who is also an Assistant Head based at PFS.

## 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 or 19th September 2016 at 4.30pm-5.00pm**

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

## Parent Information

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, Presentation and Conduct, Behaviour, Reporting and Assessment. The session is aimed at providing real clarity as to some of our core policies, what they mean and how they work in reality. In the next week you will receive a copy of the **school calendar for the year, club information and a curriculum letter**. All this information will also be available online via our **TPFOS website**.