



Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Judith Tinsley

Heads of School – Mrs Rebecca Chatterton and Mrs Sandra Jennings

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year, I do hope everyone has had a great summer. Both myself, Mrs Chatterton and Mrs Jennings are really looking forward to leading the Federation over the next twelve months. Mrs Chatterton will remain as full-time Head of Pinvin CE First School with Mrs Jennings as the full-time Head of St Nicholas CE Middle school. As always should you wish to discuss any issue about your child in the first school their class teacher is the best place to start. In the Middle School their form tutor will be the first point of call. The next stage will be the Heads of year and then please do approach the Heads of the respective schools if appropriate. I will be the Executive Head supporting both Mrs Chatterton and Mrs Jennings on a part time basis; however, I will be in school every Monday with flexible days for the rest of the week.

We have been busy here in school too with several areas in both schools being repainted and the playground has been refreshed with some new line markings and an astro turf area.

Over the summer we have had several new staff appointments and we welcome the following staff:

Year 7 Teaching Team– Mr Alan Tamplin

Year 5 Support Team– Mrs Helen Parkin-Southworth, Mrs Michelle Tibble-Sherwood and Mrs Leeanne Williams

Year 4 Teaching Partnership – Ms Tiffany Chamberlain

Yr 2 Teaching Partnership- Mrs Clare Hames

In addition, Mrs Kerri Sinnett will be our Learning Mentor this year.

We also welcome back the following staff from maternity leave, Mrs Rachael Bowkett and Mrs Nichola Bennett. It is great to have them back with us.

A new post we have appointed to support consistency for pupils with covering absence of staff alongside whole school support is being undertaken by Miss Lauren Bristoll.

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We have had a few changes in the office too. Mrs Amanda Freaney has moved across to lead on Finance for the Federation, Miss Pam Pryce has joined us as new school administrator and Mrs Niki Nicholson as communications and media officer.

Over the summer Mrs Michele Brown gained a new post and we will be interviewing in the next few weeks for her replacement. Michele has been at the school for many years and her wisdom and expertise will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best with her new exciting role. Later this month we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Michelle Lewis from our lunchtime team. Michelle has been an excellent First Aid lead at lunchtimes for us and we will miss her greatly. We have decided that even more qualified First Aiders are essential in our federation and therefore we are training several more to ensure we have a good number of qualified staff.

We have had two very busy days to start the term and spent quite a lot of time reflecting on our vision and values. This has included looking at our curriculum and our Behaviour Policy. We will be sharing these with you as soon as we can, alongside our school development areas for the coming year.

One focus that you will also be getting lots of information about is attendance. Sadly, the overall attendance of pupils at both of our schools is disappointing and we have evidence that shows those children who had poor attendance last year also had lower than expected attainment. We will be monitoring this very closely, with Mrs Sue Townley as our Attendance Officer, making sure that we contact you as soon as your child's attendance drops below 94%, as per our new Attendance Policy.

However, one area that all staff agreed that they would like to develop is the links with our wider community and links with parents and carers. We will be looking at ways in which we can improve communication with our wider community and also involve you all more closely in our school curriculum.

One element that we are very keen to develop is our garden. The framework is all in place for a lovely gardening space to the side of the school, but this has become very overgrown. We are therefore keen, as are several of our children, to regenerate this and start growing fruit and vegetables that we can use in school. If you can support us in any way with this, we would be delighted to hear from you or anyone from our community here in Pinvin.

We are all looking forward to an exciting and positive new year and also hope to develop our partnership working with all of our community.

Best wishes

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