



The Pinvin Fed-Express

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A very warm welcome - despite the cold!

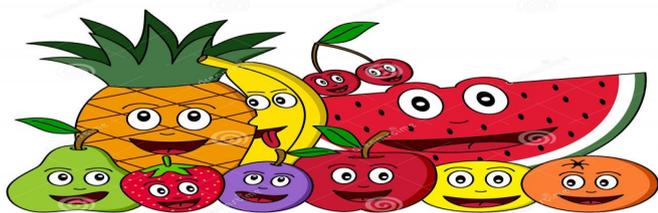
We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the many messages of support voiced to us since the news of the Interim arrangements were published to parents.

Having worked alongside Mr Best as part of the Senior Strategic Team, we have a good understanding of how the schools operate and a sound knowledge of the pupils and staff, which we feel sure will prepare us for the new challenge we undertake.

As Acting Headteachers, the DOWMAT (Diocese of Worcester Multi-Academy Trust) has appointed us consultant Head teachers who will act in advisory capacities to support us in carrying out our roles across the Collaboration. These include: Mr John Macmillan (former Head teacher and Local Authority Inspector) and Miss Lynn Biggs; Many of you will know Miss Biggs from Crowle First School, who brings a wealth of experience to support us until the next Executive Headteacher is appointed.

Healthy snacks

It is that time of year again when we try to clear the cupboards of the many treats and delicacies that Christmas and the festive season brings with it. Please bear in mind that we are a school which promotes healthy snacks and packed lunches should reflect our drive to reduce unhealthy sugar and fat intake. We appreciate that everyone enjoys snacks and treats but these must be in moderation. Please support us in our endeavours by keeping snack time to fruit and one treat item for lunchtime. Thank you for your support.



Parents Evenings & progress updates

The next parents evenings will be on 12th and 13th February. During these sessions, staff will be sharing your child's new format mid-year progress report with you. They will discuss areas of strength and target areas for the remainder of the year. We do hope that you will be able to join us for these important updates of your child's learning. More details and links to the online booking system will follow in due course.

Change of Age

As Mr Best reported in his last Fed-Express the consultation led by the Avonreach Multi-Academy Trust came to an end on December 15th 2017. Key stakeholders were given the opportunity to respond to the proposals set out by the four schools: Pershore High School, Inkberrow First, Norton-Juxta-Kempsey First and Cherry Orchard First Schools.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your letters and emails of support. The responses are currently being worked though by the four governing bodies who will decide if they want to move forward with the process. Early in February, the consultation responses will be presented to the Avonreach MAT who will similarly decide whether they want to move the process forward towards a final business case presented to the Regional Schools Commission. We will continue to share any updates with you.

Read 2 Dogs Returns!

We are very pleased to welcome Ava back into school this term. Ava is a very special visitor...she is a greyhound! Research shows that young people can become nervous and stressed when reading to others in a group. However, when a Pets As Therapy (PAT) dog enters the group, they often become less stressed, less self-conscious and more confident as the dogs are non-judgemental. Before long the young people are starting to look forward to the reading experience as they are going to read to their new friend, the PAT Dog. PAT Dogs provide comfort, encourage positive social behaviours, enhance self-esteem, motivate speech and inspire young people to have fun. Ava has made a real difference to the confidence of the pupils she has worked with and we look forward to seeing her around school over the next few weeks.

Vandalism at St Nicholas

It is with much regret that we are forced to include this in our newsletter. Sadly we have been experiencing a prolonged series of acts of vandalism on the toilets throughout school. Due to a minority of pupils, we have been forced to put in temporary measures of a stronger staff presence at lesson changeover time when these acts seem to be occurring. Not only is the damage costly, it also takes considerable time to rectify the damage, meaning team members are taken away from the roles they are employed to do. We would ask that you discuss these acts of anti-social behaviour with your children in the hope this will be an end to it. Thank you.



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Snow and Emergency Closure

Unfortunately, we were forced to close the school back in December when the 'Big freeze' arrived. Whilst the temperatures seem to have improved we are still watching the weather forecasts for any potential inclement weather. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that in the event that the school is closed due to snow we will update you via the following means at the earliest opportunity: **The school website www.tpfos.co.uk ; Our text messaging system or The Worcestershire County Council website**

It may be on those icy mornings that we put some additional actions in place to ensure a safe entry into school. On these days, we will usually grit a safe route across the playground and into the front entrance. We will have staff on duty who will be there to guide you on these days. We also have staff who will be supervising in the school on these occasions.

Safeguarding Information

AS part of the #BeCyberSmart campaign against cyberbullying and online harassment, there will be two identical events held to help raise awareness of online safety and to help to protect children from online bullying and harassment. The events will be held at **The Hive**, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD

20th January, 10am - 1pm and 7th February, 1pm - 5pm

These drop-in sessions are for children, young people and parents, offering practical advice about how to keep safe in the cyber world. Many of us will have received electronic devices and smartphones for Christmas, which is why these events have been planned for the New Year.

What is happening at the events? Advice on being #BeCyberSmart from West Mercia Police and Community Safety Team; 'SELfie Where's the HARM?' the local premiere of this film made in Worcestershire; Family Learning - an interactive session for children and parents to work together; KOOTh - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people.

If you have any questions please email - CYPP@worcestershire.gov.uk

It is a joint initiative from West Mercia Police, Worcestershire Children and Young Peoples Plan Partners and Parents' Voice.

The Panto Came to Pinvin - Oh no it didnt . Oh yes it did!..

Even the snow couldn't keep Aladdin from saving the day! Despite not being able to open SNMS on the second of the snow days because we couldn't guarantee our children's safety on their journey into school from our rural feeder villages, PFS was able to welcome Chaplin's Theatre to Pinvin. This was the first time the 'panto came to us' and it was a brilliant afternoon. The children enjoyed the jokes and were in fine voice as they sang and danced their hearts out to many well known songs. The children were treated to the panto and interval drinks by the POPs - huge thanks to them.

Term time absence

The spring term is a very busy and important term for our children. Traditionally the spring term is when pupils make their most academic progress as they are now settled with their new teacher and are revisiting concepts taught in the autumn. This term is especially important for Y1 as they prepare for their phonics screening check; Y2 and Y6 as they near SATS tests in May and Y4 and Y7 as they prepare for transition to St Nicholas Middle school and Pershore High School. We would therefore respectfully remind parents of the impact of taking holidays during term time; If parents do choose to take children out of school during the term it is highly unlikely that this will be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence A term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
190 days for your child's education	180 Days of Education	171 Days of Education	161 Days of Education	152 Days of Education	143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

The SNMS Christmas Carol Concert

As part of the programme of events to celebrate the birth of Christ, SNMS pupils did the staff, their parents and themselves proud as they performed a series of beautiful carols and readings for the congregation at Pershore Abbey. It really was a wonderful evening—well done to all those involved.



And finally special thanks from Mr Best

Mr Best has asked that we pass on his thanks for the kind wishes and gifts he received as he left the Federation. He said that he has already set up the outside pizza oven we bought him but not to mention he found the construction fairly challenging! He said he will miss the Federation staff, parents and pupils as he moves to his role in South Gloucestershire.