



## The Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents

### Governor News

This is the first of a regular 'slot' in the newsletter from the governing body, written by the Chair of Governors.

*Governors carry out many roles both supporting and challenging the federation's Leadership Team and we feel it is important to keep you informed of our work.*

*Our governing body comprises the following governors:*

- *Mr Mark Peters – Chair of Governors*
- *Mr Mike Christmas – Vice Chair of Governors*
- *Mrs Clare Wilson*
- *Mrs Anya Woodbridge*
- *Ms Carla Fisher*
- *Ms Emma Jones*
- *Mr Roger Doust*
- *Mrs Christine Clayton*
- *Miss Lindsay Hoyle*
- *Mrs Mel Rennison*
- *Mrs Katy Bartlett*
- *Mr Mark Gannaway*
- *Mrs Flavia Coleman – Clerk to the Governing Body*

*Mrs Jones, Ms Fisher and Mr Doust are new governors and we welcome them to our team of established and experienced governors.*

*Governors have noted the recent Facebook post regarding the future of school finances and I want to assure you that governors share your concerns. We have written to our M.P. Maria Miller asking her to work on our behalf to increase the level of school funding. If you feel strongly about the issue, you can e-mail Mrs Miller with your concerns at [maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:maria.miller.mp@parliament.uk)*

Comment [1]:

*Governors often go on off-site trips and activities with your children. Mr Christmas and Ms Fisher attended the Giant Sing with Years 1 and 2 at the Anvil last week and over the coming month governors will watch the choir perform, join Year R on their trip to Bucklebury Farm and enjoy the Iron Age themed day with Years 3 and 4. We will be working hard on putting together the new budgets for both schools ready for 1<sup>st</sup> April (the start of the school financial year) and attend various meetings and training events to ensure we continue our focus on improving outcomes for all the children.*

*Mark Peters  
Chair of Governors*

#### **Federation Art Day**

The children have been enjoying a range of art activities today as part of our Federation Art Day. The activities have been linked to the National Curriculum programmes of study in Art for Key Stages 1 and 2 and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum for Year R. The children's work will shortly be on display around the schools including the reception areas of each school.

#### **Health and safety matters**

I have spoken to all the children today in assembly, but please can I ask you to help us keep everyone on the federation site safe by ensuring **your children stay with you at the start and end of the school day on the federation site**. A number of members of staff have reported younger children and children who attend our schools, racing away from their adults particularly at the end of the day, including thinking they are going to be allowed into the park or out of the main gate. The children know they are not taking responsibility for keeping themselves safe and I have asked them to help you by making sure their younger brothers and sisters don't do this.

A reminder we do not allow children or adults to ride bikes, scooters or any other 'toddler toys' on the federation site, again so that we are thinking about the safety of everyone.

A reminder children of any age are **not allowed to play on the infant tyres, or the play equipment at the infant and junior schools, including the climbing equipment in the Year R side playground** at the start and end of the day. This equipment is only for use under the supervision of school staff, as the signs indicate. Thank you for your co-operation.

And finally, if your child rides his/her bike or scooter to school please ensure they are wearing a helmet, especially for our older children who bring themselves to school and are riding at busy times of the day before and after school on or near busy roads.

Thank you for your help and support.

#### **P.A.W.S. Mother's Day Sale**

**Please note the date of the Mother's Day Sale has been changed to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** (so that it doesn't fall on the same day as Red Nose Day with all the possible complications of children bringing two lots of money to school). On the day of the Mother's Day Sale your child may bring 50p to school to buy a gift for their parent – please note we are not able to allow children to buy multiple gifts for step-mums and other family members because we simply do not have enough gifts to go round – there are over 340 children across the federation now.

#### **P.A.W.S. AGM**

A reminder the P.A.W.S. AGM is today, **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** at the infant school. PLEASE come along and find out all that P.A.W.S. do to support the schools and offer your help if you can – be that on a regular basis or just as a 'helping hand' for some events.

P.A.W.S. provides resources and experiences for the children that otherwise we would not be able to offer, and they always need more help so that the work doesn't fall to just five or six people.

#### **Red Nose Day**

We will once again be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. On this day the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform wearing something red, in return for a donation to this worthy cause. If you do not wish your child to make a donation then he/she should come to school in uniform as usual. Please send donations into school in an envelope marked for the purpose.

In addition to non-uniform, the children may choose to have a red 'hairdo' but no face paints on this occasion please. The children may wear their red noses at break time and lunchtime – please find some way of naming your child's red nose to distinguish it from others.

Please note - we still have red noses for sale from the Federation Admin Office – don't leave it too late to get one!

#### **Birthday treats including sweets**

We have a number of new parents in school so I would like to remind you that we do not allow any child to bring any form of treat to be given to their classmates on their birthday – this includes parents distributing treats on the federation site. We had to stop this for reasons of health and safety (food allergies), children getting upset because their parent couldn't afford to, or didn't wish to, provide treats for a class of 30 children and also the time taken out

of the day to distribute treats. If you wish to do this, then please ensure it does not happen on the federation site. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **Easter activities**

We have some activities planned for the children during these last three weeks of term and we hope you will support them in taking part. **Please note some of the dates have changed since we issued the term dates because of commitments at school.**

*Easter egg competition* – next week your child will bring home an Easter egg template which he/she is invited to decorate in any way and as creatively as he/she wishes. The template should be returned to school no later than **9.00am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** as they will be judged by a governor on that day. All the entries will be displayed around the schools and the winners of the competition (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class) will receive an Easter egg. All the children who take part will receive a certificate and a small chocolate gift. Please support your child in this activity but make sure the competition is all his/her own work – thank you!

*Easter hat parade* – the children are invited to make an Easter hat at home which they should bring to school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. We will have a parade during assembly time that day to celebrate all the creative ideas on show. Each child who takes part will receive a certificate to recognise their efforts.

*Easter egg hunt* – on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**, during school time, we will be having an Easter egg hunt for all the children. If your child has a food allergy or you do not wish him/her to take part please talk to your child's classteacher. If your child has an allergy we will make arrangements for him/her to take part with an alternative foodstuff as we want all the children to be able to join in.

#### **A request for help**

When the infant school put away the Christmas performance costumes it was noted we need some new angel costumes and also costumes for kings and servants – our current ones are old and falling apart. Does anyone have the skills and the time to make us some new costumes? We would pay for the materials needed. It's a good long timespan – we won't need them till December! If you feel you can offer some help please contact Mrs Robey or Mrs Rennison via the Federation Admin Office.

#### **Uniform prices**

Please be aware that the prices for our school uniform have been increased with effect from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. I understand there are currently issues with accessing the website as Michael Hope has got a new website and the link is not working from the federation website. Mrs Robinson has informed Michael Hope and we are trying to sort the link out on the federation website. Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience.

#### **The local community**

Winklebury Community Action Group are holding a drop-in session on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 to 8.30pm** at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Winklebury Way to find out and talk about the solutions to the issues the community raised through the group's questionnaire last year. If you cannot attend but want to find out more you can e-mail [winkleburycag@hotmail.com](mailto:winkleburycag@hotmail.com) or call Clive Fortune, Community Development officer at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, on 07775 413251.

#### **What's been happening at the schools?**

The regular 'slot' in the newsletters designed to keep you up-to-date!

\* Today a member of the Local Authority's School Travel Planning Team came to the whole school assemblies to present the Bronze STARS Award to recognise the work that has been completed to date on safer travel to school. Mrs Bartlett and our Chair of Governors, Mr Peters, are now working with the Junior Road Safety Officers towards the silver award. Thank you for your support of the measures we introduce and promote about safe travel to and from school. I also think you'd like to know the School Travel Planning team

\* Our School Councils have been busy working with their classes on, at the junior school, litter picking and at the infant school, fly tipping on the federation site. The junior School Councillors are running an on-going litter picking competition and have just ordered a trophy to be awarded to the class who 'picks' the most litter (on-site) at the end of a half term. The infant School Councillors are running a competition to produce posters about fly tipping which we will judge and then laminate and put around the grounds those chosen as winners.

\* The junior Sportshall Athletics team that came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 9 schools in the competition went on to greater things last week and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the local finals – well done to you all. The team have heard today that they have secured a place in the regional finals later this month – a fantastic achievement. There are some very proud and happy children and staff in school today!

\* The infant footballers who played in a football competition last week were a credit to the federation and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon – well done to you all for your teamwork and perseverance.

#### **Opportunities**

We have the following information in the schools – if you would like a leaflet please pop in to collect one from the Federation Admin Office or ask us to send one home with your child:

\* Free sports taster sessions in Winklebury for children aged 11 to 17 - 4.00 to 5.00pm – Sycamore Centre - teenage self-defence March 13<sup>th</sup> – dodgeball March 21<sup>st</sup> – parkour/free running March 23<sup>rd</sup> – touch rugby March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> – junior boot camp (4.45pm) April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> – to book a place or get further details contact 01256 845685 or email [gareth.evans@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:gareth.evans@basingstoke.gov.uk)

\* Easter Extravaganza at Finkley Down Farm 8<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April – visit [www.finkleydownfarm.co.uk](http://www.finkleydownfarm.co.uk) – 25% off online bookings using code SBPEH17

\* SCL Saturday Soccer for children aged 4 to 8 years – Saturdays during term time 9.30 to 10.30am – Hatch Warren Infant School - book online at [wearescl.co.uk/saturday-soccer](http://wearescl.co.uk/saturday-soccer)

\* Change4Life ‘sugar smart’ kits with free stickers and recipe – you can download the sugar smart app for free too

\* SEND Information Day, a free event for parents and carers of children with SEND – 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am to 3.00pm – Yateley School – free bookable workshops and talks - visit [www.hants.gov.uk/support4send](http://www.hants.gov.uk/support4send) and/or [www.parentvoice.info](http://www.parentvoice.info) or call 01962 845870 or email [enquiries.support4send@hants.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.support4send@hants.gov.uk)

\* KOOSA kids childcare – holiday activities for children aged 4 to 13 – held in various locations including Tadley – visit [www.koosakids.co.uk](http://www.koosakids.co.uk) or call 0845 0942322 or 01276 21884

#### **Dates**

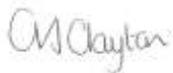
##### **Easter holiday:**

School finishes Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the normal time and re-opens for the children on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

##### **Remaining inset day 2016-2017 when school is closed to the children:**

\* Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Yours sincerely



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Head of Federation

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