



# The Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools

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## Newsletter no. 10

Dear Parents

This is the last newsletter of this academic year and I would like to thank you for your support of the schools over the year. We have had a very successful year with much to celebrate and as I say 'goodbye' to you all, I am confident you will continue to build on all that has been achieved. It has been a privilege to work with such a committed and hard-working staff team and I have very much enjoyed working with you as parents and your wonderful children. You can be very proud of all that your children have achieved this year, as each child has made progress, both academically and in their personal development, at their own pace and in line with their individual capabilities.

I would like to send my best wishes to the children leaving us as they move on to their new schools. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have much to be proud of as they move on to their junior and secondary schools and I am sure they will achieve all they hope for with hard work and your very important and valuable support. Good luck to you all! Good luck also to children in other year groups who are moving to other schools. I hope you all settle quickly into your new classes and make lots of new friends.

I hope you all enjoy a restful break from the routines of school and I send my very best wishes to you all.

### Thank you

Thank you for all the good wishes, presents and cards you have given me as I retire. Your kindness is really appreciated. For those of you who donated to my gift from parents, you bought me a solar light and a mobile for my garden, a houseplant and vouchers to be spent at the garden centre. Thank you, I am very grateful.

### Projects

As Mr O'Dee is recuperating from his operation, we are not having as much work done on the site as usual but projects to be completed are:

- \* installation of the bandstand;
- \* replacement of benching in the Year R playground;
- \* replacement of wooden features in the Year R playground;
- \* line markings in both schools.

### Reminders

Time is now short, but please be reminded to:

- \*return all library books to school;
- \*return all reading books to school;
- \*settle all debts with the Federation Admin Office;
- \*collect all medicines, check them for being in date and make plans made to renew them ready for September as relevant - if your child still needs the medications in September please bring them in then and complete updated forms - it is particularly important that we have medicines that are in date, hence asking you to come and collect them - please check inhalers for expiry dates before you bring them back in September;
- \* come and check with us if your child has lost something over the year – we will send the items left over at the end of term to the charity shop or the P.A.W.S second hand uniform sales.

- \* return the reply slips from the annual written reports;
  - \* encourage your child to take part in The Summer Challenge which is once again being run by the Library Service –your child should have brought details home a few weeks ago, but if these have been mislaid just call into your local library and they will be able to help you.
- Thank you!

### **Staff matters**

As the year draws to a close, we have a number of staff changes to tell you about:

- \*I am retiring and the new Head of Federation will be Miss Sarah Holland.
- \*Mrs Bartlett leaves to take up her first headship. A new Deputy Head of Federation will be appointed in due course.
- \*Mrs Hunt, infant teacher, will be taking maternity leave mid-way through the first half of the autumn term.
- \*Miss Capindale joins the Year R team as teacher in Badger Class, job sharing with Mrs Howard.
- \*Mrs Christodoulides, currently working in the infant school, will work in Beech Class two afternoons per week 2017-2018 and for the first half of the autumn term will help to cover the Y5/6 PPA sessions.
- \*Mrs Chessman has been appointed to the junior school as permanent classteacher.
- \*Miss Jones has been appointed to the infant school as permanent classteacher.
- \*Mrs Packman, teacher at the junior school, leaves to move out of the area and take up a change of career.
- \*Miss Humphrey, junior school Learning Support Assistant, leaves to go to university.
- \*We welcome Mrs Couch and Miss Edwards to the posts of permanent Learning Support Assistants in the junior school and Mrs Marshall will continue in her role as Learning Support Assistant, moving to the junior school 2017-2018.
- \*Mrs Page, Mrs Speller and Mrs Doyne have recently joined the cleaning team.
- \*Mrs Coltman leaves her role as infant Lunchtime Assistant to follow a change of career.
- \*Mrs Butler has been appointed to be a Lunchtime Assistant at the infant school.

For those members of staff leaving us, we thank you for your hard work and commitment to the schools and we send you our very best wishes as you move on. For those joining us we hope you will soon settle into the federation and enjoy being a part of our federation community.

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

Thank you to PAWS for all their hard work this year to provide opportunities for the children that would not otherwise be possible. Their fund raising efforts have been very successful and we have already planned a number of events for the next academic year. I am pleased to report the number of volunteers is gradually increasing but please come along to a meeting if you are able to in the autumn term – every pair of hands to help is very welcome!

I would like to thank the committee for their commitment to, and unswerving enthusiasm for, the roles they hold. My thanks to them all, and to all the helping hands who support events throughout the year.

### **Attendance success!**

Thank you for your support in ensuring your children attend school regularly and arrive on time. I am delighted to tell you that we have exceeded our attendance target of 96.5% in the junior school and only missed it by 0.1% in the infant school. As at the end of last week, the infant school had an attendance rate of 96.4% and the junior school rate was 96.8% - a magnificent achievement!

**Please note** – from September, the schools will once again be following Hampshire's guidance and will issue fixed penalty notices for any child who has 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) in any period of 100 sessions (50 days).

### **Parent questionnaires**

Thankyou for returning the annual parent questionnaires. Staff, governors and the children have also completed questionnaires and Mr Christmas, Vice Chair of Governors, will be spending many hours over the holiday analysing them all! The outcomes will be reported in September.

### **Teacher2Parents**

If you have not already done so, and are able to, please consider signing up to our electronic text and email service which makes communication with you much easier. You can do this at any time by calling in to the Federation Admin Office or contacting them by phone if you are not able to call in.

### **Clubs in September**

You will receive details and application forms for clubs once you return to school in September. Please be reminded that for children entitled to free school meals and for those who have been entitled to free school meals at any point during the past six years, the federation will pay 50% of the cost for one club per child. We are using our Pupil Premium funding to pay for this subsidy and further details will follow when we send out the letter about clubs.

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

- \*Year 2 and Year 6 have enjoyed a range of leavers' events and all have been very successful. Thank you to the choir for joining the leavers' assemblies and contributing to the events.
- \*Years 5 and 6 put on a tremendous performance of The Pied Piper and received much praise from many people, both parents, visitors and adults across both schools. The performances were the best attended yet – thank you for your support.
- \*Year 2 have completed their pedestrian training in the Streets Ahead programme.
- \*Year 1 enjoyed a Kenyan Day last week which culminated in an assembly for parents and visitors. The assembly included dance and music making and the children loved performing for you all.
- \*The Winklebury Night of Music was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed performing for their audience.
- \*The children completing the reward system in both schools will enjoy their special tea party this afternoon – well done to you all!
- \* The new website is nearing completion and will be launched in September.

### **Opportunities**

We have the following information in the schools:

- \* SCL summer schools – book online at [wearescl.co.uk/holiday-activities](http://wearescl.co.uk/holiday-activities) or phone 03456445747
- \* Manydown Maize Maze and family fun – visit [www.manydownfamilyfun.co.uk](http://www.manydownfamilyfun.co.uk) where you can find discounted tickets or phone 01256 220398
- \*Summer adventure at 4Kingdoms – visit [www.4-kingdoms.co.uk](http://www.4-kingdoms.co.uk)
- \*Go Beanies holiday camps – visit [www.gobeanies.org](http://www.gobeanies.org) or call 01189962678
- \*Half price entry vouchers to Shrek's Adventure in London

### **Dates**

- \*WISPs will be open Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July but the last day of term for the schools is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July
- \*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are inset days and the schools are closed to the children.
- \*Children in Years 1 to 6 start the autumn term on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **\* Inset days 2017-2018**

- \* Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017
- \* Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017
- \* Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- \* Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- \* Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Yours sincerely

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