



The Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents

Contact details for your child

Please can you ensure that the Federation Admin Office is kept up-to-date with any changes to your phone number and email address. It is absolutely vital that we have correct contact details for you – sometimes we have difficulty contacting parents and this can be critical if, for example, your child requires emergency medical treatment.

A number of parents have reported they are not getting the facebook group communications, but the admin team can see that they have either been delivered successfully, or delivery has failed meaning we may not have the correct email address. The team have had to contact other family members to get correct telephone numbers for a parent so that information can be shared and/or requested.

Teacher2Parent is a quick and efficient way of keeping in touch with you. At present we have about 60 children across the federation where parents are not signed up to electronic communications. If you wish to sign up please contact the Federation Admin office, it is a very quick and easy process.

Medical appointments and other such appointments during the school day

Please can I ask that you give the Federation Admin Office advance notice of when you are coming to collect your child from school during the day for a medical appointment. Even if you manage to get a doctor's appointment the same day for example, just give the admin team a call before coming to school. This helps with the organisation of making sure your child is ready and that you are not delayed. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mad Hair Day - Friday 10th February

We will once again be supporting Mad Hair Day in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Children (and staff!) can come to school with a 'mad hairdo' on Friday 10th February in return for a donation to the appeal. Please send donations of money in an envelope marked for the purpose on the day. Please be aware it is only a 'mad hair day' – children should still wear their school uniform (except for Year R as it is their disco day – see below).

The Basingstoke Gazette are in school on that day taking photographs for the paper – we will check our photo permissions and ensure only children with permission are included in the photo opportunities.

P.A.W.S. infant discos and junior neon party

This week P.A.W.S. are holding discos for the infants and a neon party for the juniors. Tickets were on sale two weeks ago but if you have overlooked this and you wish your child to go, please send in the money as soon as possible **and no later than 9.00am Wednesday 8th February – after this time no further tickets will be sold unless there is an exceptional circumstance agreed with Mrs Clayton as we need to know numbers in advance.** I know P.A.W.S. sent a reminder Friday so this really is the very last opportunity. Thank you for your co-operation.

Clubs and discos – on Thursday, when the Year 1/2 disco is on, children who go to choir or gym club may stay at school and we will ensure they are taken to the disco by a member of staff. If you wish your child to stay and wish him/her to have a snack in between the club and the disco, please send it in a named bag that your child can keep in the classroom until the end of the day and then throw away. Please do not send anything that needs to be kept cool or that will 'spoil' from being kept in a warm room all day.

Non-uniform days this week

We are having non-uniform days this week to coincide with the discos and neon party to collect items we can use as gifts for the P.A.W.S. Mother's Day Sale on Friday March 24th. Children may come to school in non-uniform on the following days in return for the donation of an item for the Mother's Day Sale:

Thursday 9th February – Years 1 to 6 inclusive

Friday 10th February – Year R only

Thank you in advance for your donations for the Mother's Day Sale – if your generosity for the Christmas Fayre is anything to go by we will have a great selection for the children to choose from!

We are aware Friday 10th is a busy day with Mad Hair Day, Year R disco and Year R non-uniform day – sometimes despite our best efforts events do coincide – thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Thank you!

Technology collection at Christmas – thank you for your donations to our collection at the Christmas plays and other events. You collected £290 which will be put towards tablets for the children – our IT Technician, Mrs Carpenter, is currently researching our requirements and finance.

Christmas raffle – we collected £296 at our Christmas raffle, the proceeds from which will be spent on resources in both schools.

Christmas jumper day – we raised £249 for Save the Children.

Donations for infant library – your generosity following the flood in the infant library was remarkable, thank you. Donations of money have covered the amount of the insurance excess and a considerable number of books have been donated by children, yourselves and a local organisation.

Census day and infant lunches – thank you for your support of all infant children having a school lunch on census day recently – I am extremely pleased to report that apart from those that were absent, all children had lunch that day.

Red Nose Day

We will once again be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 24th March**. We will send more details nearer the time but after half term, starting Wednesday 1st March, we will be selling Red Noses. We have a limited number available so they will be sold from the Federation Admin Office on a first-come-first-served basis.

World Book Day

World Book Day is **Thursday 2nd March** and we are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character. The children will be involved in activities around books that day and they will come home with a book voucher that they can put towards a book of their choice. The vouchers are part of a national scheme and are made available for school children each year.

Please be aware the children have to carry on their normal everyday activities including playtimes so please ensure they are still able to do this even when dressed up!

School meal prices

Please be aware that from April 1st 2017 the cost of a cooked school meal will be £2.15. As now, all infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the government's Universal Free School Meal Scheme so the new price only applies to junior children.

Junior breaktime snack prices

I have been asked to give you the prices of the snacks the kitchen sell for junior children at break times as recently, some children have not been bringing enough money to cover the cost of the snack. The prices are:

- Bread roll – 30p
- Raisins – 25p
- Orange juice – 25p
- Apple juice – 25p

Packed lunches

Please can I remind you that we do not allow products containing nuts in children's packed lunch boxes due to the vulnerability of children who have a nut allergy. This includes spreads such as Nutella and other sweet spreads. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents on site outside hours

We have recently had some parents expecting to be able to see teachers when they are picking their child up from ISIS, and also walking around school to try and find staff to talk to them. Please can I remind you that should you need to speak with a teacher outside the start or end of the school day please ask for an appointment via the Federation Admin Office, send a note to the teacher via the home-school book (infants) or send a note in with your child. Thankyou for your co-operation.

Parking

I have once again had neighbours to the school requesting parents park more considerately in the local area, especially around the garage blocks along Willoughby Way. Residents are once again experiencing difficulty getting into and out of their garages and driveways at 'drop off and pick up' points in the day.

We know that parking is an issue and have been working on the Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools) scheme. This is a national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable transport and I am pleased to report we have been awarded the Bronze level.

Lost homework items

At the last review of our Homework Policy it was agreed that if a child loses their pencil, book or folder issued by school then a replacement would be provided free of charge. If this replacement is then lost parents will be asked to buy another replacement at a cost of 25p per item. The items are available from the Federation Admin Office. If a parent does not buy the replacement items then the child will be asked to do their homework on sheets of paper which will be kept at school. Please do all you can to ensure homework books and folders are not lost as they do provide a record for your child of all the hard work he/she has done at home over the year.

What's been happening at the schools?

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

- * We are currently working with a company to design and launch a new federation website which we hope will be a more useful source of information for you.
- *Key Stage 1 children who took part in a recent skipping competition came 5th out of the 12 schools that took part – well done to all the children for their efforts and success.
- * Key stage 2 children took part in a Sportshall Athletics competition recently and came 3rd out of 9 schools that took part. The team is now through to the finals in March – well done to you all.

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:

- * Information from Hampshire about fostering and adopting – call 0300 5551384 or visit hants.gov.uk/adoption and fostering
- *Open day at Brighton Hill's Yamaha Music School 11th February – free taster lessons can be booked by calling Jo Cameron on 01256 362532
- *FA Skills Centre based at Everest Community Academy for children aged 5 to 11 years, held on Wednesdays during term time 4.00 to 6.00pm – contact Jack.Thurlow@thefa.com or call 07903753278
- *SCL holiday clubs run at Hatch warren Community Centre and other locations – call 0345 6445747 or contact enquiries@wearescl.co.uk
- *Hampshire Learning – individually tailored English and maths tuition sessions for all ages and levels – run at Hatch Warren Community Centre and Rooksdown Community Centre – call 07415 546491 or 07799 410362, email study@hampshirelearning.co.uk or visit www.hampshirelearning.co.uk
- *Totally Tennis half term sport camps run at the War memorial Park, Basingstoke – Monday 20th to Friday 24th February – visit www.totallytennis.co.uk or email tt@totallytennis.co.uk
- *Special Needs Information Day to be held on Saturday 25th March from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Yateley School, Yateley – further details from enquiries.support4send@hants.gov.uk or call 01962 845870

Dates**Remaining inset days 2016-2017 when school is closed to the children:**

- * Monday 27th February 2017
- * Tuesday 28th February 2017
- * Friday 7th April 2017

Half term is Monday 20th to Friday 24th February inclusive.

The children return to school on Wednesday 1st March due to the inset days 27th and 28th February.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Federation

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