



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

New behaviour policy

We have been working on a new behaviour policy for the federation. There is a lot right with what goes on at Whipton, but I do need to ensure that the behaviour of all pupils, not just the majority, is always good enough. I'll be talking to the children about this on Monday and you will be getting a letter about the changes on Monday, too. It's a bit wordy, but please take the time to read and understand it. We will only get things right for our schools if we work together.

Stopping the flood in the Infants

Our Premises Assistant, Mr Guest is worried that he is going to get swamped by a flood of children when he opens the gates in the Infant School in the morning. I am really happy that your children want to come into school, but can you please get them to stand back whilst Mr Guest opens the gates and then make sure they walk in? I don't want to have to deal with a trampled caretaker. Many thanks.

Federation Website Update

Hopefully, you have now all had a chance to look at our new federation website and save it as a favourite. If not, do have a look. We are slowly building up the content. The calendar will be very helpful to you. Not only does it tell you what is going on and when, but individual events such as school trips also have links to the letters that relate to them. We have also added Google Translate to every page so that if English is not your first language, you won't be disadvantaged by the information we put out. Finally, our federation Facebook page is up and running and will be an increasingly well used way of communicating with you. All you need to do is visit the page directly or via the website and "like" it. I told Mr Norman that I liked it, but apparently that's not the same thing. I'm sure you all know what to do!

Clubs and Commitment

In the last newsletter I listed all the clubs that are available to our children. There are quite a few. I would really like as many places as possible in all the

clubs to be taken up. We are particularly thin on the ground with our KS2 Tag Rugby and Football. I did an assembly about commitment on Monday and although Mr Norman and I do have some committed children in our respective clubs, there are other children who would be great additions to the teams who don't come, despite saying they will. We are really keen to build some excellent sports teams who will win for Whipton (that has a nice ring to it) but we can't do it without the children.

Astrid's House

A group of children in years five and six spent a day building a medieval house. You will hear more about this in the next Celebration Newsletter but I thought you might like to see a picture of some of the builders having fun.



Attendance and Punctuality

We have been working hard on our attendance and punctuality in recent years and this has improved considerably. One area currently causing a concern is in year 3. The doors for this area open at 8:45 each day and parents are invited in with their children. However, having spent some mornings in the year group, it is evident that many children are not getting to school on time. Children must be in school by 8:50 and the register is taken shortly afterwards. Please can you ensure that your children are here for this time?

Junior School Library Temporary Closure

We are completely re-vamping how children select reading books in KS2, so we need all reading books back in the library by Tuesday 31st January. See today's letter to Junior School Parents.