



Pinvin Federation Newsletter

December 2022

Letter from Mrs Jennings



Dear All,

Writing this is bittersweet, as sadly, I mark the end of my journey with the Pinvin Federation, but I am also looking forward to moving on to new and exciting things. We are also saying Goodbye to Miss Smith. We wish her every success in the future and thank her for all her hard work.

I want to thank you all for your support over the past three years. I have had the opportunity to see the children experience so many new opportunities, grow in confidence, progress in their learning and begin to become responsible individuals as they leave us to transition to the next stage of their learning journey. I will miss the 'Good Mornings' on the gate at the start of the day, their funny comments and jokes and their smiles. Education is all about the children!

I would also like to thank Mr Knight and the governors, who work tirelessly to support the schools and the children. I would also like to thank all the staff at the Pinvin Federation, who truly are an amazing team from the office staff, to the canteen staff and Mr Grubb! It has been a privilege and an honour to work alongside them. I am going to miss them all greatly, however I have made many friends whilst here, and I know that we will stay in touch.

Every single child/ staff member brings a different skill or talent to our community which makes it a fantastic place to be every day. I am delighted to leave you in the brilliant hands of Mr Hawthorn and Mrs Greenfield, whom I know will continue to lead everyone on the journey we have started.

It just remains for me to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from us all and my best wishes for A Happy New Year. May the festive season bring you peace, joy and happiness.

Kindest regards

Sandra Jennings and all staff at The Pinvin Federation.



Letter from Mr Hawthorn

Dear parents / carers,

I would like to start by wishing Mrs Jennings all the very best as she moves on the new opportunities within the education sector, and thank her for her inspirational leadership of two schools which has brought us together as one community. She will be greatly missed, but she has left us in a wonderful place to continue on our journey.

Wishing Miss Smith from Year Five -all the very best in her new role. I know she will continue to be amazing.

We now have a super Pre-school which is expanding slightly in January and we welcome both Ms Jenny Richardson and Mrs Debbie Hammond to the team. Thank you to Mrs Jane Rushen and Mrs Bobby Pearson for establishing such a positive learning environment so quickly.

We also welcome Mrs Pam George to a teaching role in Year 1. Mrs George brings over 10 years of experience teaching in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and this enables Mrs Greenfield to take up her new role as Acting Deputy Headteacher.

We are really excited to be able to tell you that we now have a BRAND NEW WEBSITE. The address is www.pinvinschool.co.uk Please check this out.

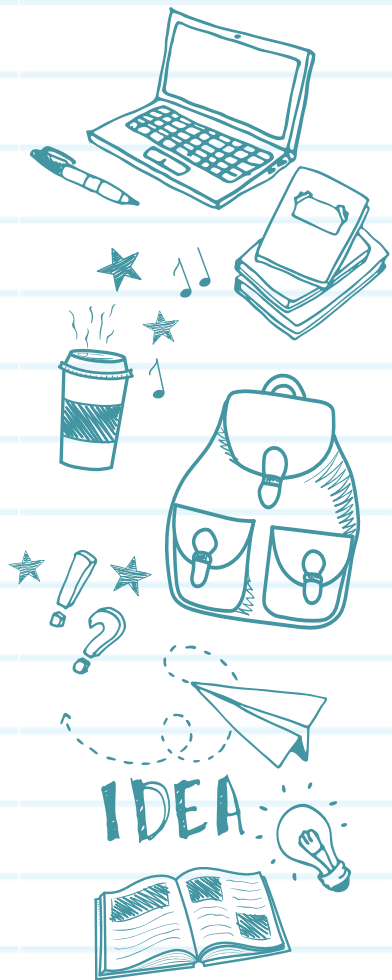
Finally, all that remains for me, is to wish you all a very Happy and relaxing Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well in 2023!

Best Wishes,

James Hawthorn



Letter from Mr Knight



It's hard to believe that we've come to the end of the first term of the school year, but it's certainly been a very busy one for Pinvin Federation and I'm sure, like me, everyone is looking forward to their Christmas break.

I've been fortunate to visit the schools a number of times this term and see for myself how hard the children and staff have worked. I was also privileged to attend the recent St Nicholas C of E Middle School carol concert in the magnificent setting of Pershore Abbey. What a treat! The children were fantastic with their singing, reading and performances and I know the First School and Middle School nativity performances have been equally brilliant. Such events are so important for everyone connected with the schools and really help spread the seasonal spirit.

The Local Advisory Board (Governing Body) has met twice this term – in September and November. These meetings have covered a wide range of issues including progress against plans and targets; governor monitoring and visits; the impact of the Federation vision; budget, resource and staffing matters; pupil attendance and behaviour; SEND issues; safeguarding; pupil and staff wellbeing; as well as reviewing and updating various policies.

As you know, our head teacher Mrs Jennings is very sadly leaving us at Christmas to take up exciting new opportunities. She'll be a great loss to our Federation and has made a huge impact on our schools since starting in the role in April 2020. Everyone who has visited the schools can see the physical improvements, but Mrs Jennings has also worked hard to strengthen the schools' visibility and engagement through newsletters, social media and the website. Despite many challenges including Covid, Mrs Jennings has also led on many ongoing developments in the quality of learning and experience for pupils in both schools. She has also helped steer the creation of our new vision and the establishment of the new pre-school which launched in September and is already proving extremely popular.

There's more to be done of course and the governors will continue to work with school leaders to support them but also hold them to account, however Mrs Jennings leaves a wonderful legacy on which we can build. We will all miss her greatly but are delighted that Mr Hawthorn is taking over as Acting Headteacher pending a permanent new headteacher with Mrs Greenfield taking over as Acting Deputy Head. I want to thank all of the children for all of their fantastic efforts during this term, to parents/carers for all of your support, and to all the Federation staff for their incredible work during this term and throughout 2022. You all help make our schools very special indeed.

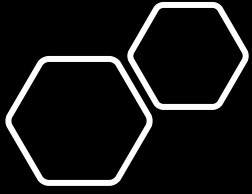
On behalf of all the governors I hope you have a very restful and merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year!

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Trevor Knight

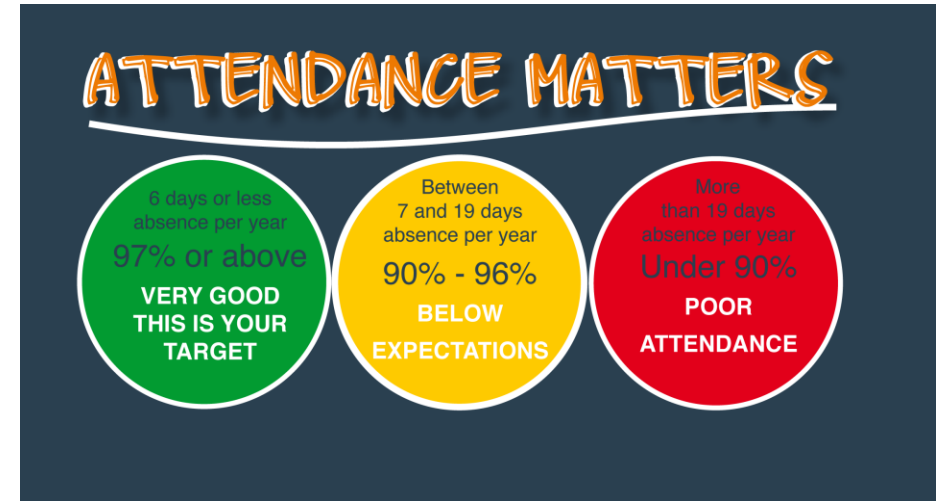
Chair of Pinvin Federation Local Advisory Board (Governing Body)





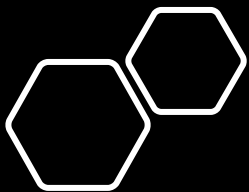
Attendance

- Year to date average attendance (National average is 94.5)
- Reception – 92.6%
- Year 1 – 91.3%
- Year 2 – 94 %
- Year 3 – 93.9 %
- Year 4 – 86.1 %
- Year 5 – 95.7%
- Year 6 – 92.5 %
- Year 7 – 95.5 %





Value of the week



Information from Worcester Children First



#SleighNoToLoanSharks

Christmas is a time for joy and happiness, but for the millions of families struggling with spiralling debt to loan sharks, it can be the most terrifying time of the year. Figures show that nearly one in ten people who borrowed from loan sharks last year did so to cover the costs of Christmas.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) is concerned that ruthless loan sharks will try to cash in on the festive period as many families struggle to cope with rising food, fuel and energy bills this winter.

Are you worried about someone who is being taken advantage of by a loan shark?
Contact the Stop Loan Sharks 24/7 Helpline on 0300 555 2222 for support
www.stoploansharks.co.uk

costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk

- Income Support
- Energy Bills—Cost of Living Payments
- Childcare Costs
- Household costs
- Childcare Costs
- Finding Work



**Help for
Households**

costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk provides access to contacts who can provide support for households.

Visit '**Discounts and Offers**' for hot meals for children for £1 and discounted children's meals at leading supermarkets.



Food Banks

Worcestershire

www.trusselltrust.org

Worcester (Mon—Fri 10am—4pm)

0808 2082138

7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester WR1 2RS,
UK

Droitwich (Tues 12.30—2.30pm & Fri)

07532 130604 / 07532 130604

Droitwich Baptist Church, Ombersley Street
East, WR9 8QS

Redditch & Bromsgrove (Mon—Thursday

11am —2pm & Fri 10am— 1pm) 01527

69161

Number 24, Church Green East,
Redditch, B98 8DE

Malvern Hills Foodbank (Mon—

10.15am—12.45pm, Tues 1pm—

3.30pm, Thurs 10.15am –12.45pm)

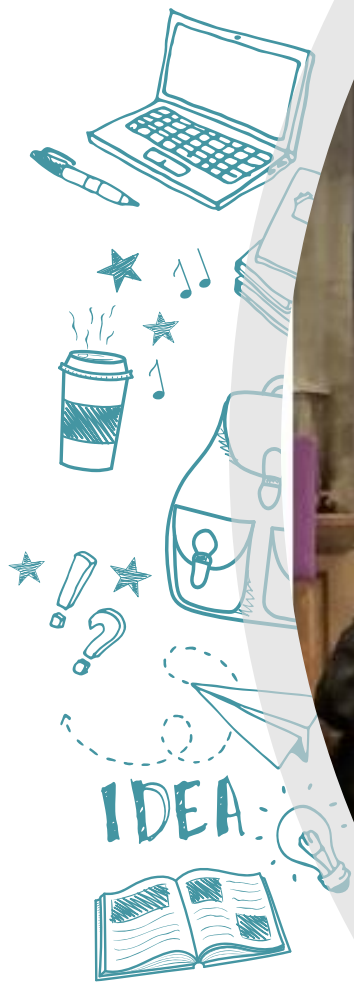
07529 322985

Unit 4, Spring Court, Spring Lane
South, Malvern, WR14 1AT

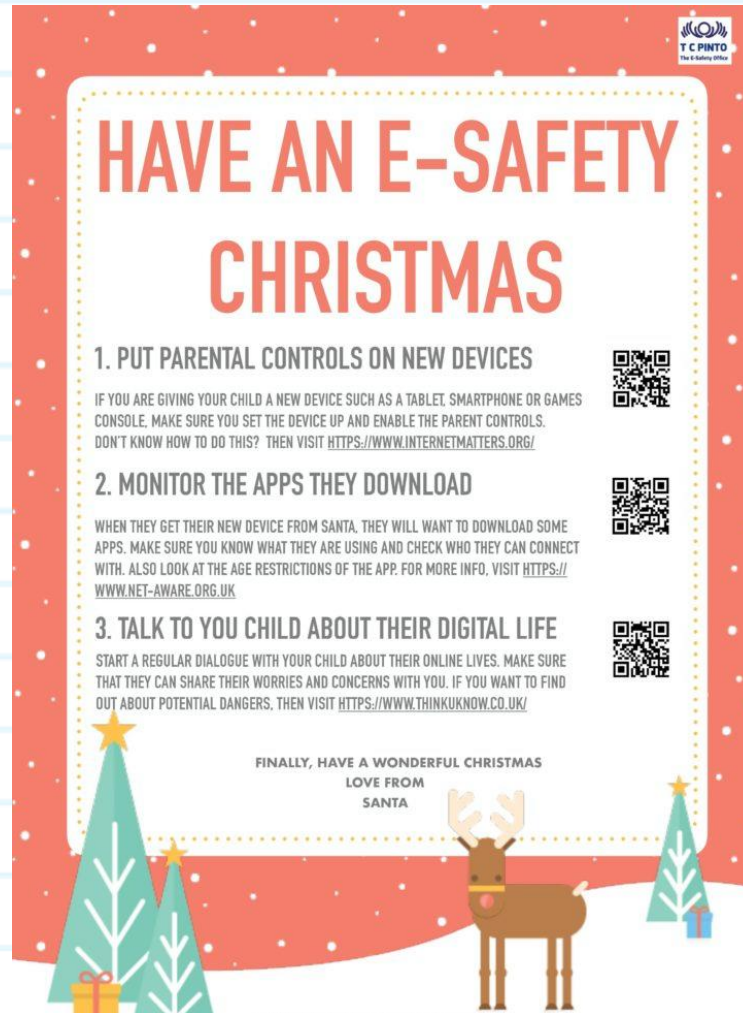
Kidderminster (Weds 12.30—3pm,

Fri 12.30—3pm) 07469 216904

Unit 9, Swan Shopping Centre, Black-
well Street, Kidderminster
DY10 2DP



E-safety/safeguarding



[Online Safety Tips of Christmas | Free Online Safety Guide | National Online Safety](#)

About The Guide
**12 Online Safety Tips
for Children with New
Devices**

HOUSE POINTS – THIS TERM

Teme

2895



Severn

2753

Avon

2783

Wye

2642



See you back in school on Wednesday January 4th

