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Dear Parents

As we move into October, just a few bits of information and reminders:

New Signage and School Logo

The children have finally been able to choose and vote on their preferred new signage for school and this is now with the manufacturers. Our signs are essential for safeguarding and when visitors come into the school, as well as to find and advertise our school. There is a new school logo too on the signage. School uniforms, however, will stay exactly the same. From next September, uniforms will be available with the new school logo and we will just phase out any uniform with the old logo (so there will be no rush to have to wear the new one), especially if recycling preloved uniform.

Pupil Progress Meetings

As advertised, these will be taking place on Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October in the School Hall. Google forms will be sent out this week for your preferred day and time slot of 10 minutes. If your child is on our Special Needs Register, you will be allocated a slightly longer slot. If you could **please** keep to your allocated times, this helps the smooth running of the nights for both staff and other parents, and do not be offended if you are reminded that your appointment is nearly over. If you need more time, please ask to see your child's Class Teacher on another date. You are invited to wait in the entrance until you are called in by your child's Class Teacher. Many thanks!

Upcoming Literacy workshop for Parents

At our Open Evening, we asked if parents would like any further workshops and have since had a request for a Literacy workshop. This will take place on Wednesday 25th October, at 2.30pm. It will cover early reading and phonics and some hints and tips for supporting reading and writing at home. The google form to sign up for this will be coming out in the next couple of days, but there will be a space for you to add anything you would like us to cover too. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Diary Dates for the Year

These have been updated and resent out last week - it is the copy with the green highlighted sections. Unfortunately, we do have different Teacher Training Days across The Federation so huge apologies for any confusion - our next Teacher Training Day at Whalton is the Monday after half term (Monday 6th November) in line with Ponteland Partnership. Please do take advantage of any of our training days to get cheaper return flights/hotels etc if booking to go away in the holidays.

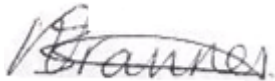
Parent Governor Vacancy at Whalton

We currently have a Parent Vacancy across the Federation and it is Whalton's turn to choose and vote for their new Parent representative. All of the information about the vacancy will be sent out this week. It is a volunteer position but it is such a beneficial role if you would like to be involved in understanding and being part of the strategic decision- making and monitoring of the two schools within the Federation.

Harvest Family Lunch

We are really looking forward to welcoming one parent per family from our Year 4, 5 and 6 children this week on Wednesday. The form has already been sent out with the delicious dishes to be served. Please don't miss out on the opportunity to share a lunchtime experience with your child if you haven't already signed up.

Kind regards



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