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## Tri-School Federation Newsletter- Edition 1

### *Empower, Explore & Excel*

Dear Parents/Carers,

*I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and refreshing half term, with quality time spent with family and perhaps some Halloween fun or Bonfire Night celebrations. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome back to the new half term and hope your first week has been a positive start.*

*As we move into the second half of the autumn term, I want to reflect on the fantastic progress and achievements within our federation. Last term, we had a School Improvement Partner visit across all three schools, and I am delighted to share that the feedback was extremely positive. This success is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children and the invaluable support of our entire community.*

*Looking forward, we are focusing on three key priorities for this term:*

1. **Implementing and Embedding a New Leadership Model Across the Federation**

*This term, we are focused on introducing and embedding a distributed leadership model, empowering staff across the federation to take active roles in decision-making and innovation. By strengthening leadership at all levels, we are creating a more resilient, cohesive environment where expertise is shared and each school benefits from our collective strengths.*

2. **Raising the Quality of Education**

*We are dedicated to ensuring the highest standards in teaching and learning across our federation. This term, we are focused on enhancing curriculum delivery, refining assessment practice and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Our goal is to provide an engaging, challenging and supportive learning environment that meets the needs of every child.*

3. **Embedding Federation Vision and Values**

*We will continue to reinforce our vision of fostering a supportive, inclusive and connected learning environment, where every child feels valued and encouraged to explore their potential.*

*As we head towards the festive season, we look forward to a term filled with inspiring learning, community events, and memorable moments. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and involvement in our schools—our partnership is at the heart of everything we achieve.*

Kind regards,

Mr M Elcock





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## Federation Values Focus: Bravery

This half-term, we are exploring the value of **Bravery**. We encourage children to think about what bravery means to them and how they can show bravery in their day-to-day lives. Whether it's trying something new, standing up for what's right, or being honest, bravery helps our children grow. Teachers will discuss bravery in assemblies, and you can support this at home by talking to your children about examples of bravery they admire.

## Federation Vision Statement

Our federation vision, **Empower, Explore & Excel**, continues to guide us as we nurture every child's unique journey in a supportive, inclusive environment. We aim to spark curiosity, celebrate individuality and support each child to reach their full potential.



### Attendance Reminder

We want to remind all parents that our attendance target is **96%**. Regular attendance is essential for your child's success and development. Term-time holidays are not permitted, and fines may be issued for unauthorised absences.

Please also ensure your child arrives on time each day, as lateness disrupts learning and affects overall performance. Let's work together to meet our attendance goals and support a positive school experience for all students. For further details, please contact the school office.

## Arbor Migration

We appreciate your patience as our staff and admin teams get accustomed to the new system and we're confident it will enhance the quality of our interactions and support for children and families.



## Contacting the Federation Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

Please note that any requests for meetings or conversations with either myself or the Federation Deputy Headteacher will need to be arranged through the school's main office. We will do our best to schedule a time to meet and listen to your concerns but it is important that this protocol is followed. For any concerns, senior teachers in each school are the first point of contact. Any complaints should be submitted using the complaints policy form so that I can review and take further action as needed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this process.



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## Philosophy for Children (P4C)

Next Term we will be introducing **Philosophy for Children (P4C)** across the federation. P4C is an approach to teaching and learning that nurtures children's critical, creative, collaborative, and caring thinking skills.



Through P4C sessions, children engage in discussions around thought-provoking questions, encouraging them to listen, reason, and express their ideas respectfully. This practice not only enhances academic learning but also fosters empathy, understanding and self-confidence.

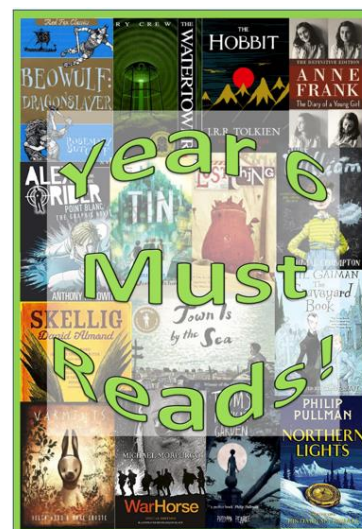
We're also very fortunate to welcome Tom Biddlestone, who will be conducting a workshop with each class on World Book Day. This exciting opportunity will inspire our students and enhance their love for reading!

## Must Reads for Year 5 and Year 6

I am excited to introduce a new initiative for all children promoting the love of reading: **Must Reads!** This carefully curated list of books includes a mix of classics, contemporary novels and diverse stories, chosen to inspire a love of reading.

Children can earn dojo points by letting their senior teacher know how many of the Must Reads they've completed. Each half term, we'll be sharing a new Must Reads list for each year group to keep the excitement going!

Happy reading!







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## School Website Photography Update

As part of our website updates, we have arranged for a professional photographer to visit each of our schools. This will help us showcase our school environments and capture the wonderful atmosphere of each school.



Please be assured that any children who **do not** have photo permission will/have not be included in these photos. However, if you would like your child to be part of this photoshoot and have not previously provided permission, please inform the school office in writing.

On the day of the photography session, we kindly ask that all children attend in full school uniform. Thank you!

- Thursday 7th November 2024- Corpusty
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024- Antingham & Southrepps and Foulsham

## Careers Curriculum

As part of our commitment to the 'Explore' aspect of our federation vision, we are introducing a **Careers Curriculum** designed to broaden children's horizons about future possibilities. This curriculum is structured to introduce children, at an age-appropriate level, to different career paths, skills and aspirations. Activities might include guest speakers, practical workshops and exploration of various industries, all designed to spark curiosity and encourage children to think about their own future ambitions.



By helping children see how their learning relates to the world of work, we hope to inspire them to explore their strengths, set personal goals, and begin developing essential life skills for their future success.



## Reminder: New School Timings for Corpusty & Foulsham

Just a reminder about the new school timings for **Corpusty and Foulsham Primary Schools**. The school gates open at **8:30am**, with a whistle or bell at **8:40 am** to bring children into school. Lessons will begin promptly at **8:45am** and the gates will close at **8:45am**.

If it's raining, children will be allowed to stream straight into their classrooms on arrival. We appreciate your cooperation in helping make this adjustment smooth and beneficial for all.



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## Congratulations to Our School Council Representatives!

We're happy to announce the newly elected members of each school's School Council.



### Antingham & Southrepps:

- *Lola*
- *Molly*
- *Ralph*
- *Agnes*
- *Lexi*
- *Maisie*

### Corpusty:

- *Willow*
- *Milly*
- *Cordy*
- *Scarlett*
- *Lexy*
- *Daisy*
- *Max*

### Foulsham:

- *Bear*
- *Phoebe*
- *Delphi*
- *Katie*
- *Zizi*
- *Mabel*

Congratulations to these young leaders who will play a key role in representing their peers and helping to shape our school communities. We're excited to see the positive changes they bring.



## A Message of Thanks to Our Governors – and an Opportunity to Join Us!

At the heart of our schools, supporting and guiding our Federation's journey, are our dedicated governors. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to help shape the strategic direction of our schools, ensuring we stay true to our vision, values and goals. From improving educational outcomes to fostering a positive school environment, governors play a vital role in our success, supporting the Federation Headteacher and staff every step of the way.



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We're currently looking to fill a community governor position at both Corpusty Primary School (CPS) and Foulsham Primary School (FPS). If you, or someone you know, would like to be part of this vital role in supporting our schools, please contact the school office at either CPS or FPS for more information.

## Christmas Trees Are Coming!

We're pleased to announce that Christmas trees have been ordered and will arrive next week. Each class will be creating decorations to adorn our 7-foot trees, adding a festive touch to each school's main hall. Keep an eye out for these beautifully decorated trees as we bring some holiday cheer to our schools!



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*It hardly seems possible that we've already entered our second half term! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break, sharing some special family time and celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night.*

*We've had a fantastic start to the academic year, working together across our three-school federation. It's been inspiring to see so much professional collaboration, and the children have truly appreciated our close links. They're able to celebrate each other's achievements through our federation's weekly online celebration assembly, strengthening bonds and shared pride.*

*There have been many memorable moments so far this year – from multi-cultural dance sessions and engaging visiting speakers in our assemblies to bushcraft activities and an exciting trip to the races. Watching the children make secure progress and take on new learning experiences across the curriculum has been a pleasure.*

*I look forward to seeing what this half term brings, with continued learning and rich experiences across our wide-ranging curriculum. As we move towards the festive season, we anticipate many joyful and meaningful moments, and I am thrilled to share in the excitement that lies ahead.*

*Very best wishes,  
Mrs E Bourner  
Federation Deputy Headteacher*







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## Federation Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2024

- ◆ **New School Timings (FPS & CPS)** – Monday 4th November 2024  
*(Please remember that school timings have changed for FPS and CPS, with gates opening at 8:30am and lessons beginning promptly at 8:45am.)*
- ◆ **Remembrance Day** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- ◆ **Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying)** – Tuesday 12th November 2024  
*(Encourage children to wear odd socks to celebrate diversity and promote anti-bullying awareness.)*
- ◆ **Children in Need Non-Uniform Day** – Friday 15th November 2024
- ◆ **CPS Christmas Production** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 (am) & Thursday 5th December 2024 (pm)  
*(Please note: Timings for the production will be confirmed closer to the date, and an invitation letter will be sent out.)*
- ◆ **CPS/FPS/A&S Parent Consultation Dates** – Tuesday 3rd December 2024 (3:15pm-5:00pm) & Thursday 5th December 2024 (3:15pm-6:00pm)
- ◆ **FPS Christmas Production** – Tuesday 10th December 2024 (am) & Wednesday 11th December 2024 (pm)  
*(Please note: Timings for the production will be confirmed closer to the date, and an invitation letter will be sent out.)*
- ◆ **A&S Christmas Production** – Tuesday 10th December 2024 (am) & Wednesday 11th December 2024 (pm)  
*(Please note: Timings for the production will be confirmed closer to the date, and an invitation letter will be sent out.)*
- ◆ **Federation Hippodrome Trip** – Thursday 12th December 2024 (11:00am)
- ◆ **Assessment Week** – W/C Monday 25th November 2024
- ◆ **Autumn School Reports** – Friday 29th November 2024
- ◆ **CPS/FPS/A&S Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Activity Morning (Parents/Carers are invited)** – Friday 20th December 2024
- ◆ **Christmas Classroom Parties (non-uniform)** – Friday 20th December 2024
- ◆ **End of Term** – Friday 20th December 2024  
*(Note: All schools within the federation close at 1:15pm)*

## Federation Diary Dates – Spring Term 2025

- ◆ **Spring Term Curriculum Letters** – Monday 13th January 2025
- ◆ **Maths Number Day** – Friday 7th February 2025  
*A fun-filled day focused on maths challenges and activities.*
- ◆ **Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 11th February 2025  
*A day dedicated to promoting safe, responsible use of the internet.*
- ◆ **World Book Day** – Friday 7th March 2025  
*(Tom Briggstone P4C workshop for all the classes. Come dressed as your favourite book character!)*
- ◆ **Sponsored Pancake Flipping** – Tuesday 4th March 2025
- ◆ **Curriculum Enrichment Day** – Thursday 13th March 2025
- ◆ **Year 5 & Year 6 Puberty Talk** – Monday 17th March 2025
- ◆ **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** – Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd March 2025  
*(Celebrating the diverse ways in which our brains work and raising awareness about neurodiversity.)*



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## Federation Diary Dates – Summer Term 2025

- **Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests** – Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025
  - 12th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers
  - 13th May: English reading
  - 14th May: Mathematics papers 1 and 2
  - 15th May: Mathematics paper 3
- **Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)** – W/C Monday 2nd June 2025
- **Phonics Screening (Year 1/2 Retakes)** – W/C Monday 9th June 2025
- **FPS Sports Day** – Monday 30th June 2025
- **CPS Sports Day** – Tuesday 1st July 2025
- **A&S Sports Day** – Wednesday 2nd July 2025
- **Year 6 Federation Leavers Event – Tubing** – Date TBC in early July
- **Step-Up Day (Transition Day)** – Thursday 10th July 2025  
*An opportunity for children to spend a day with their new teachers and classrooms in preparation for the next academic year.*
- **SLT Staff vs. Year 6 Football Matches**  
*Parents/carers are invited to cheer along for these special events!*
  - FPS – 2:00 pm Friday 11th July 2025
  - CPS – 2:00 pm Friday 11th July 2025
  - A&S – 2:00 pm Friday 11th July 2025
- **FPS Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Tuesday 15th July 2025
- **CPS Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Wednesday 16th July 2025
- **A&S Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Thursday 17th July 2025