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Dear Parents

My final newsletter of this academic year and what a year!

Covid Update

Thankfully we haven't had to close down any bubbles and have had to only ask a small number of children to isolate at Whalton this half term. We have only been contacted twice for Longhorsley but with no impact on school so thank you for your diligence and keeping the rest of our school community safe.

If any child develops symptoms over this weekend, please contact the admin email address so we can alert other parents of the possibility of transmission of infection and the need to self-isolate.

Staffing update

We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Kathryn Fox as our new Office Administrator at Longhorsley, and a new Class Teacher, Mr James Carr, for the three days a week teaching post there too. Mr Carr will be teaching Class 2 (Years 1 and 2) Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Campbell, Thursday and Friday. We look forward to welcoming both new members of staff officially in September. Mrs Campbell and Mr Carr will work with the children together in the first few days until the children get to know Mr Carr.

Unfortunately, Mrs Elliott at Whalton has been contacted by Test and Trace as an identified contact and will not be in school today for her final day with us. She will however be saying her final goodbyes to her class via Google Meet. We wish her well and the very best in starting her new adventure of life beyond school!

It is also Mrs McEwan's final day too (although she will be in the office over the summer) and she has been overwhelmed by the generosity of gifts and kind words that you have all given her. She truly is one in a million and we will miss her greatly.

Aspire ~ Believe ~ Achieve to be the very best that we can be



I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to all of the staff across The Federation who have had to work in very different times over the last 18 months and who have always put the needs and safety of our children first and above their own. I am so grateful and cannot thank them enough and say how proud I am of how both schools have continued to be the very best that they could be through the most challenging circumstances yet. You all deserve this summer break, especially with your own families.

Our Leavers

A final Bon Voyage to all of our Leavers and a huge thankyou to all the staff involved in filming and putting together the End of Year Leavers" Celebration/Service. We hope that you enjoy going down memory lane with your child, and hope you feel that their journey through our Federation has been as wonderful as we do. Miss Anderson and Mr Chambers, we cannot thank you enough, I'm sure there won't be a dry eye when watching them from whichever emotion!

I hope that the Leavers enjoyed their water sports outings; they deserved to have some fun and a chance to experience, for many of them, new activities which they will remember fondly in a time when we haven't been allowed to do anything like this. The photographs are amazing and we will find a way to get these to you.

September

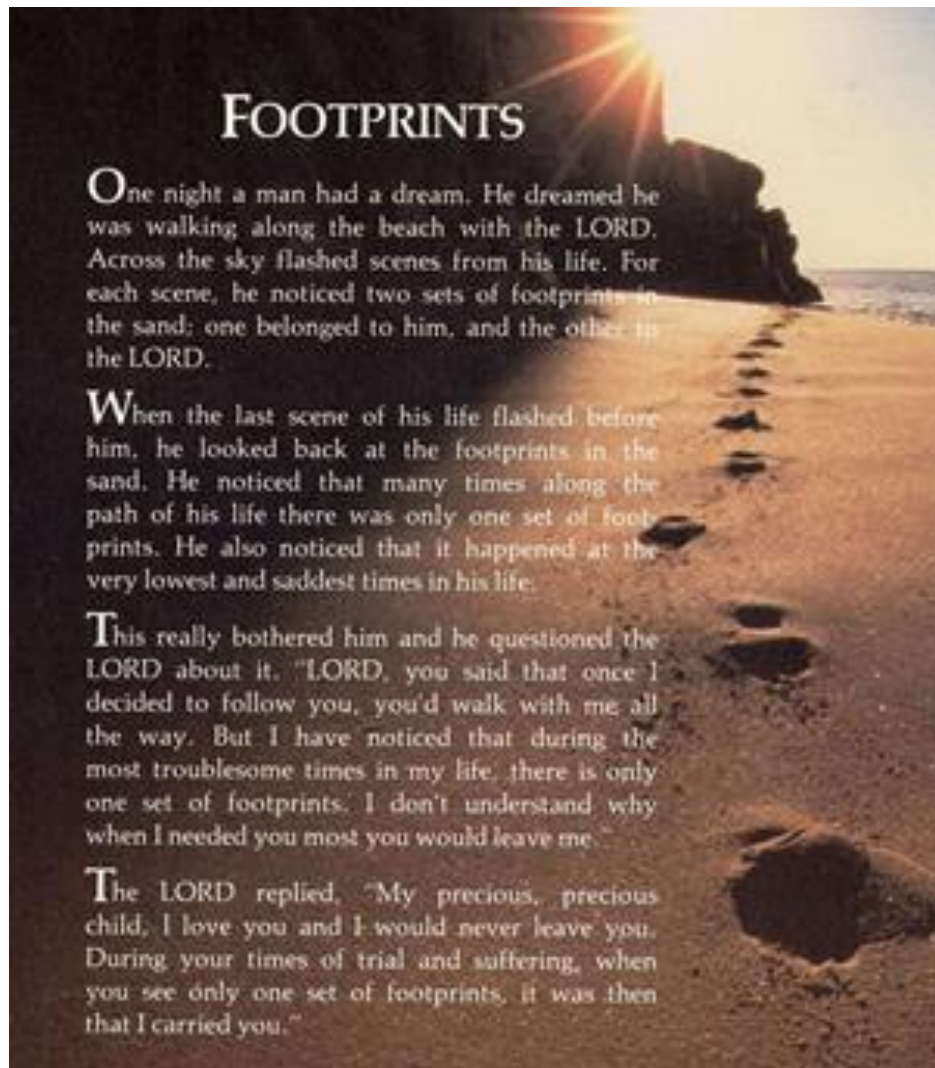
Just a reminder that when we come back to school there is a training day for staff, so both schools reopen for children on Tuesday 7th September. Please follow the staggered start and finish times as included in my last newsletter. We will be continuing to keep our risk assessments of keeping the classes separate throughout the school day for the first two weeks until we feel confident that no more changes are needed or being asked of us from the government in relation to Covid.

All that is left to say is a huge thankyou to each and every one of you for your continued support of our schools, including our PTAs across both schools and a huge thankyou to our volunteer Governors, who have been there at every vital decision whether it be Covid, finance or staffing and who continue to ensure that your children get the very best that they deserve. The Federation is very lucky to have you all.

Have a fantastic summer everyone, please continue to keep safe and well and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.



I leave you with one of my favourite poems:



Take good care

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