

Flitwick Lower Governors Newsletter Autumn 2009

Dear all

As Christmas approaches I would like to say thanks on your behalf to Jane Burnham for acting as head for the term.

Joanna New will be starting at the beginning of January and this will enable Jane to relinquish the responsibility which she has very ably carried out over the last 4 months.

As normal, we have had a very busy term with Romans, Vikings, photos, visits out, the Christmas Fayre, Christmas plays as well as the Ball. I would like to thank all of you for supporting the events at school and for helping to make our school community a happy place.

Below is some information about the outcome of the travel to school survey we undertook. The Governing Body would love to hear from you if you have any concerns, questions or comments. Please contact me via the office at school.

Happy Christmas

Anne Foley (Chair of Governors)

Travel Plan Autumn Review 2009.

Many thanks to the 45 families who responded to our 'Travelling to and from school SAFELY' document.

Your very informative comments have provided us with an up to date picture of the challenges faced by our parents and give us further evidence to support concerns already held by the school.

Our biggest problem is commuter parking especially on Temple Way, Pipit Close and Falcon Crescent and the dangerous hazards this produces.

Working in partnership with Central Bedfordshire and Flitwick Council in the following months our aims include:-

- Installing 20 m.p.h. speed signs in Temple Way
- Continue to put a case for a Zebra crossing by the Main Entrance.
- Continue to review the road markings opposite school in Temple Way.
- Upgrade the condition of the underpass between Elmwood Crescent/Townfield Road (we thought the light had been repaired)
- Report that the Vicarage Hill/Dunstable Road Crossing lights are yet again UNRELIABLE.
- Revisit the installation of improved Road Markings at the Eagle Drive/Temple Way junction.
- Investigate the possibility of extending the pavement from Dunstable Road along Temple Way – adjacent to the Millennium Park.
- **Immediate action** –to ensure that the Dunstable Road Gate/Access Point is open Morning and Evening.
- Trim the bushes either side of the Main Gate to improve visibility for vehicles entering and leaving the Main Entrance.
- Continue to develop Road Safety programmes within the school curriculum.
- Explore the installation of a safe storage area for 'scooters' on site.
- Explore the possibility of Cycle Training Courses to be held on the school site during the Easter/Summer Holidays 2010.

We are delighted to know that the Park and Stride system continues to be very useful – your issue about safety around the Tesco Delivery Bay/ Library entrance has been noted and will be passed on to the relevant committee.

Finally may we thank you again for your support and promise to continue working on behalf of all our parents to ensure a 'safe journey to school'.

Trevor Brennan Millie Cooksley (Governors)