



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter  
15th September 2023



### **Welcome to the Wimbish Newsletter...**

We hope that you will find useful information in the weekly newsletter. We will be updating the dates section over the next few weeks as we book in things such as our official 'Welcome Meeting', parents evenings, parent/carer sessions and other events.

All of the Wimbish staff team are so grateful for the warm welcome you have given us all. We are still working hard to put new and updated systems and processes in place and thank you for your patience with this. Please do keep giving us your feedback, we are keen to keep improving the school, with your help.

### **Who are we all...**

Mrs Pickford - Executive Headteacher

Mrs Butcher - Deputy Head

Mrs Beecroft-Sullivan - Assistant Head and SENCO

Ms White - Office Manager

Mrs Holmes - Oak Class Teacher Monday-Wednesday

Mrs Caroe - Oak Class Teacher Thursday-Friday

Miss Thirkell - Willow Class

Miss Dooley - Birch Class

Mrs Troy - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Winfield - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Wheeler - Lunchtime Supervisor and Cleaner

Ms Melhuish - School Cook

**Leadership Team** - Mrs Pickford, Mrs Butcher and Mrs Beecroft-Sullivan work across both Wimbish Primary Academy and Meadow Primary School. There may be times you wish to speak to one particular

member of the team and they are not at Wimbish that day. In that instance, please do feel free to ask to speak to another leader. If they are available, they will happily meet with you. Alternatively, please pop to the office or drop an email to the office and Ms White, will make sure that message gets passed on. Please remember that the Academy policy is that communications will be acknowledged within 2 working days and responded to in more detail, if needed within 5 working days.

We would ask that in the first instance, you speak with the class teacher if you wish to discuss a concern or query about your child as they will be best placed to respond. If you then wish to speak to a senior leader, please contact the school office.

### **Nut Free School**

Please note due to severe, life threatening allergies of some members of our school community, we are a nut free school. This includes hazelnut chocolate spreads and food that contain nuts.

### **School Lunch Order**

From next week all school meals need to be ordered online in advance. Lunch orders need to be placed by midnight on a Saturday for the following week. Innovates policy if you have not ordered a meal, but your child does not have a packed lunch is we will call you to ask for a lunch to be brought in. Any child without a lunch will be given a jacket potato.

If you are struggling to get set up on Innovate or you forget to order, please contact [primary@impactfood.co.uk](mailto:primary@impactfood.co.uk) or telephone: [0204 542 7211](tel:02045427211) Monday -Friday 9-5pm.

Mrs Pickford is happy to help set people up on Innovate if you need it, please do pop in on Monday to see her.

### **School Bus**

Essex County Council and ACME bus company have informed us that as there are less than 25 children registered to take the school bus this year, they do not legally have to put an escort on the bus. I have tried to argue this and have had many discussions and email exchanges but with no luck. I am really sorry that there is no escort in the afternoon. To support the younger children on the bus, we have given them a Y5/6 buddy which is going really well!

### **Assemblies and Roles and Responsibilities**

When i met with the children before the summer, one of the things they asked to restart was assemblies as they had missed these. On a Monday we have whole school assembly around a theme and a picture book. On a Thursday, we will be starting singing assembly and on a Friday we have celebration assembly where we give out certificates. We will be re-introducing house points too. Mrs Butcher will be working with the children and sending a letter home shortly to ask for children to stand for the School Council and Y6 House Captains.

Y6 will also be having roles and responsibilities such as librarian, mini play leader, classroom monitors, hall monitors - they are very excited by these. The badges are on order and they will be wearing these with pride very soon!

Upcoming Dates:

These are to be confirmed

Have a lovely weekend

Nichola Pickford