

# Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter 13th October 2023



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#### **Bedtime Story and Welcome Meeting**

We were delighted to welcome nearly 50 people to the bedtime story and welcome meeting on Wednesday evening.

We had a wonderful time at our Bedtime Stories event this week. It gave us a great opportunity to meet parents and carers and for the children to give a tour of the school. There was a lovely buzz of proudness and excitement as the children showcased their learning environment.

After the tour, the children got cosy in their pyjamas and sipped hot chocolates whilst being told bedtime stories. Some even brought pillows, blankets and sleeping bags! Meanwhile, we welcomed parents and carers back into the hall to listen to the plans for Wimbish and our new behaviour systems.

Thank you to all who joined us!









#### Parking around school

Please could we politely ask that parents/carers do not park on the zig zags in front of school. It is a criminal offence to park on these and we have been informed that fines can be issued for people who are parking on these. The zig zags are there to keep the children safe when coming to and going from school.

#### **Old books and Work**

We have found lots of exercise books belonging to some of the children that covers a couple of years of their time at Wimbish. We are planning on sending all of this home next week. Please do make sure your child has a named carrier bag in school so we can send it home safely. This is for children in Years 1-6.

#### **Bags 2 School**

Did you know you can help school to raise money by getting rid of things you don't want anymore?

Our collection has been arranged for Tuesday 7th November. Please see the poster attached to see what we can donate and what we can't.

Thank you for your support!



Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for

### **Tuesday 7th November**

## WHAT WE COLLECT

| Clothing<br>Paired shoes<br>Handbags<br>Hats<br>Bags<br>Scarves and ties<br>Jewellery<br>Lingerie | Belts<br>Soft toys<br>Household linen<br>Household curtains<br>Household towels<br>Household bedding<br>(bed sheets, pillow<br>cases and duvet covers) |
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| We DO NOT accept  |  |
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We DO NOT accept: Duvets and blankets Pillows and cushions Carpets, rugs and mats Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing School uniforms with and without logo Corporate clothing and workwear

#### Christmas plea...

I know it is only October and we aren't mentioning the 'Christmas' word in school until the 1st December, but we are wondering if anyone has any contacts or know of anyone who might be willing to donate a real Christmas tree to school so we can have it in the hall for all of the children to enjoy. If you are able to help, then please do let us know via the office.

#### Class Representatives -please share with your child

Mrs Butcher is on the hunt for children to be on the School Council.

Do you want to be a Class Representative on The School Council?

Can you:

Listen to others and retell something at the request of another person?

Speak up for other people?

Come up with good ideas?

Take turns and make sure that everyone has the opportunity to speak?

Work with others in a team?

Report back to your class what has been discussed and decided on in the meeting?

If you have answered 'yes' to the above questions, then this role is for you!

What you need to do next:

Create a poster to be displayed in your class as soon as possible. The sooner you make it and bring it in; the sooner people will know you want to be the class rep! You will be presenting week beginning 30th October and the results will be announced in celebration assembly on Friday 3rd November.

Create a speech for your class to hear (2 minutes maximum). State reasons why you WANT to be the class rep and how you will make the school even better!

Practise reading your speech in the time limit. Try and keep eye contact ; say your words clearly and with volume!

We are looking for a rep for each class and additionally a house captain for each school team (4 in total). House Captains are Y6 children.

Good Luck!

#### Wimbish Open Mornings - Reception Children due to start 2024

We enjoyed showing around a number of prospective families on Monday. We still have 1 more tour date available. This is on the 6th November. We currently have a very small number of children on roll at Wimbish and are actively looking to show prospective families what Wimbish can offer. If you, or anyone you know is looking for a Reception place for 2024 then please do get them to make contact via the office - <u>office@wimbishprimary.org</u>



#### Just a reminder...Autumn Term Reading Homework

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is the Reading Homework: **Autumn Book Bingo** for this term based on our whole school focus for this year: Reading and more specifically: Reading for Pleasure.

Every child, from Foundation to Year 6, has been given the same homework to make it more manageable for families and also the homework will be differentiated depending on the age of each child and their book choice.

We know that parents/carers and pupils, have different views on homework so you can choose how you want to approach it. Here are some options:

- 1. Try to read all 9 texts (which can be found in our school library, local library, online potentially and possibly on your own bookshelves at home) and tick each of the 9 boxes
- 2. Complete option a and complete the questions. Give your answers to Mrs Butcher and they will be displayed in the library.
- 3. Can you create your own Book Bingo grid and read 9 different books based on WINTER?

- 4. Create a book review for ONE or more of the 9 books you have read which will be displayed in the library
- 5. Take photographs as evidence to show you have completed reading these books. For example: a photo of your seasonal treat that you have made after reading and following a recipe
- 6. Start reading a spooky story and then stop reading, write what you think will happen next in the story and then carry on reading- which ending did you prefer and why?
- 7. After reading an autumnal poem/s and reciting it/ them, can you create your own autumnal poem after going on an autumnal walk and using all 5 senses ...

Please give all NAMED written work to Mrs Butcher who will display it in the library.

#### Happy Reading!



#### **Child Consultation Evening - all pupils**

On Wednesday 1st November we will be holding child consultations. This will be the opportunity to come into school and meet the teacher for a 10 minute appointment to discuss how your child is getting on in school. More details will follow on times and booking arrangements imminently.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Wednesday 18th October - Mrs Holmes last day with us

Friday 20th October - break up for half term

Monday 30th October - back to school

Tuesday 31st October - Cricket workshops

Wednesday 1st November - Child Consultations

Monday 6th November -open tour for Reception 2024

Friday 10th November - Lane Academy dance sessions

Have a lovely weekend

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