



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter  
20th October 2023



### **Happy Half Term**

On behalf of all the staff at Wimbish, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support as we have started our new chapter here at Wimbish. We hope you all have a great half term and manage to have some family time.



### **Child Consultation Evening - all pupils booking now open!!!!!!**

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. The booking for this has now gone live and can be found in the MCAS app under parents evening bookings. If you have any issues, then please let the office know and we can help book an appointment for you.

### **Parking around school**

Thank you to everyone for the effort in not parking on the zig zags at the front of school. Please could we ask that people also avoid parking on the corner of the road by school, particularly on the pavement as it is stopping parents and children from being able to safely cross the road.

# **NO PARKING**



# **THANK YOU**

### **Cricket Day Tuesday 31st October - all children**

We are pleased to have Essex Cricket Club are visiting school on Tuesday 31st October to run workshops for all of the children as part of the celebration of the Cricket World Club. Please could **ALL children wear PE kit on that day.**

### **Poppy Appeal**

From Thursday 2nd November we will have poppies and a selection of poppy themed items for the children to purchase, we are asking for a donation of £1 in return for a poppy and one item from a selection of items, such as reflective poppies and wrist bands.

The children will get an opportunity to purchase items during the school day.

### **Reception Phonics Session**

On Tuesday 14th November Mrs. Harriss will be running a phonics information session for any parents or careers from 9.15am, this will last no longer than half an hour.

### **Academic Outcomes for 2022-23**

During our recent Bedtime Story and Welcome Meeting, it became apparent that in the summer term, parents had not been informed of the school's outcomes for all of the statutory year groups. As we discussed on the night, the outcomes for the school were not in line with National Expectations and that there had been a pattern of this for a couple of years. From September, we have changed the curriculum and the way we teach phonics to support the progress needed towards improving outcomes. This will not be a quick fix and will take time to put in place and to identify gaps in children's learning. To support this, Y6 this week have taken mock SATS tests to help us identify gaps in learning. After half term, children in Y1-6 will take some standardised assessments to help identify gaps to let us know their reading age and allow teachers to be even more precise in planning learning and target specific areas.

At the welcome meeting, I said we wanted to be transparent with you and as such I am sharing the outcomes of the school with you from last summer that those of you who were part of the Wimbish community should have had. The Government requires schools to assess children in Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y6 and report this data to them and parents. This is then compared to National data.

### **Academic Year 2022-23 (Summer)**

	<b>School</b>	<b>National</b>
Reception - Good Level of Development	57%	not released yet
Y1 Phonics	60%	79%
Y2 Reading	60%	68%
Y2 Writing	30%	60%
Y2 Maths	70%	70%
Y6 Reading	56%	73%
Y6 Writing	44%	71%
Y6 Maths	56%	73%
Y6 Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling	56%	72%
Y6 Reading/Writing/Maths combined	33%	72%

Progress measures Reading -4.7, Writing -7 and Maths -3.7

### **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. The bags have now gone home. If you have too much to put in one bag, then please use bin bags as they will also collect these from us.

Thank you for your support!



Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for

Tuesday 7th November

**WHAT WE COLLECT**

Clothing	Socks
Paired shoes	Belts
Handbags	Soft toys
Hats	Household linen
Bags	Household curtains
Scarves and ties	Household towels
Jewellery	Household bedding
Lingerie	(bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

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

Bags can be dropped at wimbish school between 8.30am- 3pm the week prior to collection.

**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.

**Non Uniform Day - Friday 17th November**

Children can wear non uniform in exchange for a chocolate donation for FOWS late night shopping stall in Saffron Walden on 1st December. Please ensure all items in date for December 2023. If anyone would like to volunteer to man the stall on Friday 1st December 3-9pm, please contact Miss White in the school office.

**Class Representatives -first week back!**

Just a reminder that the speeches and votes for House Captains and Class Reps is the first week back. Please do support your child to have a go at being part of this.

**Cake and catch up**

On Wednesday 22nd November at 2pm members of the senior leadership team will be available for a catch up with cake, to discuss anything parents and Careers would like to talk about.

No need to book, this is a drop in session.

### **Flu season: protect your child against flu**

The Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation team will be attending schools within Essex during the autumn and winter terms to administer the annual flu vaccinations to schoolchildren from reception to year 11.

Flu can be a serious and unpleasant virus, it can spread rapidly. Symptoms for children and adults include the chills, headache, fever, aching muscles, sore throat and a dry cough. Unfortunately, some children can develop complications from the flu such as pneumonia or bronchitis that may need hospital treatment.

For those children vulnerable because of long-term medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart or lung disease getting flu can be incredibly serious as they are at risk of developing serious complications.

Delivering the vaccination programme through schools is the best way to ensure the maximum number of children are protected against flu. Vaccination will also help reduce the spread of flu and protect the whole population, including those who cannot or do not have the vaccine. With the country still in recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and the flu season rapidly approaching, it will also help to reduce pressure on the NHS and other vital services.

Watch the video about the flu nasal spray here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFXJmSIEb5c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFXJmSIEb5c)

**A consent form will be sent to all parents/carers. Please return your consent forms to school if a paper consent form or by completing an online form using the shared link as soon as possible.**

Further information about flu and the flu vaccine for both children and adults can be found on [www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/)

If you have any queries, please contact The Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust School Immunisation team on 0300 790 0597 option 1.

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**Our Flu immunisation date is: Tuesday 28th November. A link will be sent out 2 weeks before this for you to give consent.**

### **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!



### Upcoming Dates

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

Thursday 9th November - School Photos: individual and class

Friday 10th November - Lane Academy dance sessions

Tuesday 14th November - Reception phonics session

Friday 17th November - Non Uniform (chocolate donation)

Wednesday 22nd November - 2pm Cake and catch up

Tuesday 28th November - Flu vaccination

Have a lovely weekend

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