



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter
5th October 2023



New Website

I am pleased to announce that the new Wimbish Primary Academy' website was launched on Monday 2 October! The site contains all key policies and documentation, information on the curriculum taught and exciting news from the school and wider community. The new address is www.wimbishprimary.org

We are adding new content all of the time, so please do keep an eye on it!

Staffing Update

I am delighted to say that as of Monday 9th October, Miss Harding will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant. Miss Harding is an experienced Level 3 childcare practitioner and she will predominantly be working with Oak Class. She will also run one of our breakfast club sessions and an after school session. We are now fully staffed at Wimbish, with a superb and enthusiastic team who are working incredibly hard to put routines, boundaries and consistency in place as part of our fresh start at Wimbish.

Reminder - Bedtime Story and Welcome Meeting - all pupils

We would like to invite you all to our first Welcome Meeting and Bedtime Story session on Wednesday 11th October 5.30pm-6.30pm. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas for their bedtime story. We will start the evening in the hall to introduce the team. You will then be welcome to have a wander around the classrooms and see where your child's classroom is. We will then invite parents/carers back to the hall while the children stay in their classrooms and have bedtime stories and some hot chocolate. We will then share updates on the behaviour policy and information about school with parents/carers in the hall.

The evening will finish no later than 6.30pm. We hope to see as many of you as possible. To help us know how many chairs to set out in the hall, please could we ask that you complete this form if you are intending to come: <https://forms.office.com/e/8jnBwQxyUM>

Upcoming Exciting Activities

I am delighted to say we are starting to book some enrichment opportunities in for the children to broaden their experiences. On Tuesday 31st October we have Essex County Cricket Club working with us for the day. They will be providing workshops and activities for all children across the day. This experience is linked into the upcoming Cricket World Cup and is a free experience with no cost to school or families.

On November 10th, all children will participate in a free dance session with The Lane Academy.

We also have won a grant to have the Royal Scientific Institute to come and spend a whole day in school delivering exciting workshops linked to the science curriculum. They will also run a staff training session and a parent/carer and child session - more details to follow once confirmed.

If you know of any companies or groups that would be willing to work with us to share a skill then please do let us know.

Class Representatives -please share with your child

Mrs Pickford 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 2 more tour dates available. These are the 12th October and 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 - office@wimbishprimary.org



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OPEN MORNING TOURS



Is your child due to start school in September 2024?

Wimbish is a small school which strives to 'Nurture, Enrich and Inspire' our pupils.

Come and meet us and see our beautiful building and grounds.

Tours are at 9.30am on the 2nd and 12th of October and the 6th November.
Contact the office to book:
01799 599245

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 next week.

Thank you...

Thank you for the warm welcome you have given and continue to give the staff at Wimbish. We know there is work to do in ensuring the children at Wimbish get the educational experience they deserve but with your support we will get there quicker. I was blown away this week by the offers of help for school from people who have a few hours to spare. The icing on the cake was the parents who helped me move 65 bags of sand after school the other night to fill up the new sandpit that Mr Pickford and I built at the weekend along with some other new furniture. This really is a community school!

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 11th October - Welcome Meeting and Bedtime Story 5.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 12th October - open tour for Reception 2024

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

Nichola Pickford