



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter
3rd November 2023



Zero Tolerance to Abusive Behaviour

All staff have a right to work in a safe environment. As a school and Academy Trust, we do not tolerate abusive behaviour towards staff. This includes but is not limited to, intimidating behaviour, swearing, threatening behaviour. We will take action against behaviours that are not acceptable and threaten staff and pupil safety.

We thank you for your support with this and welcome anyone who wishes to raise any concerns with school to do so in a calm and acceptable manner.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend appointments this week, particularly if you ventured out in the torrential rain. It was lovely to hear so many positive comments from both parents/carers and teachers.

New feature - Learning in school this week:

Each week we will be sharing a couple of things each age range in school have been learning to support parents/carers in having conversations around the learning your child has been completing in school.

Oak Class: We have begun to learn about changes in autumn, fireworks night and how we experience those with our senses. We are exploring language and vocabulary so we can talk and write about what we see, hear and smell. We will extend and build on this work next week!

Willow Class: We have started sentence stacking in English to create a narrative story based upon the narrative - Stone Age Boy.

Birch Class: We have started sentence stacking in English to create a transmission report from Mars. We have also loved using the iPads that we have borrowed from The Meadow.

School Photos - Thursday 9th

Next Thursday (9th), the photographers will be in school to take both individual and class photos. Oak Class and all children should wear their school uniform on that day. Oak will have PE on Friday instead.

If you do not wish for your child to be in the whole class photo, then please let the office know via email, so we have a written record by Wednesday 8th November.

Dance Workshop - Friday 10th November - all year groups

We are thrilled to have Vanessa from The Lane Academy coming into school on Friday 10th to run dance workshops for all classes. We would be very grateful if the children could wear their PE kit on that day, but their school jumpers on their top half! The reason for this is we would like the children to still look smart for Remembrance Assembly later that day.

Oak Class will not be doing PE on Thursday that week as the dance session on Friday, will replace this.

Remembrance Assembly - Friday 10th

On Friday next week we are delighted that Padre Nick Adley from Carver Barracks will be joining us to lead our Remembrance assembly. We will also be holding our 2 minute silence at this time. We will be placing our giant poppy on the floor and asking children to lay any silver or gold coins they would like to bring in on it (please send the money in with your child in the morning to their class). All of the monies raised will go to the Poppy Appeal via the Royal British Legion. If children wish to wear a poppy to school, please could you write their name on the back in case it falls off. Thank you in advance for any spare change you are able to send in.

Don't forget we are selling poppies and associated items in school.

Class Reps - School Council

This week the children have been incredibly brave and have given speeches to their classmates as to why they would make a good class rep for the school council. Well done to everyone who took part.

On Monday next week we will be voting for the Y6 House Captains to form our new house teams all based around apples linked to the Orchard on the field. - Gala, Braeburn, Jonagold and Bramley. The apple houses will form the heart of our new behaviour reward system including the 'golden apple!' Watch this space for further information!!

Huge congratulations to the newly elected class reps:

Oak Class - Chizaram & Charlotte R

Willow Class - Poppy

Birch Class - Reggie



Wimbish/Meadow

The Senior Leadership Team have now been working across the two sites for 8 weeks and are now finding a rhythm as to which working pattern works best for both schools. At the moment, we are working hard to implement new strategies and ways of working to support the rapid improvement plan at Wimbish. We are lucky to also be benefiting from great support from the Central Trust and Executive Trust teams for both schools. We are excited for the future for both schools and are looking forward to some joint 'working together' opportunities, one of which is the Y6 children all joining together for the residential trip to Norfolk Lakes.

Please do let a member of the Senior Leadership Team know if you have any queries at any point.

Cricket Day Tuesday 31st October

The children all had a fantastic time with Chris from Essex Cricket Club on Tuesday. They learnt different skills including bowling, catching and batting. They worked well together as a team, supporting one another and taking turns.

Reception Phonics Session - 14th November

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

Bags 2 School - Final Reminder!

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, please give your chocolate donation to the office on Friday 17th November.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help run the stall on Friday 1st December 3-9pm, please contact Miss White in the school office.

Cake and catch up - 22nd November

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=SFXJmSIEb5c¹

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/²

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.

¹[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFXJmSIEb5c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFXJmSIEb5c)

²[http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/)

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

Monday 6th November - open tour for Reception 2024

Tuesday 7th November - bags to school deadline

Thursday 9th November - School Photos: individual and class

Friday 10th November - Lane Academy dance sessions

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Assembly

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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