

## Parent Governor News

We were delighted to have received such high interest in the parent governor role and would like to thank all those who put their name forward. We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Anna Rushby has been elected for the role. Thank you to all those parents who voted – the turnout was incredibly strong.

## Google Classroom



As you are aware, we currently use Google Classroom to set homework for children. We also use this platform to provide work for children who are self-isolating. It is therefore important that you can access your child's Google account from home. If you have not done so already and need to be reminded of their login details then please contact the school office.

We still have a small number of Google Chromebooks available for loan to any families who do not have access to technology at home. Please let us know if you would like to be considered for the loan of a Chromebook and we will arrange this for you.

## Christmas Lunch



This year we will be having our traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be able to enjoy their lunch with their own class with music and decorations. The menu will be turkey with pork sausage and gravy or Quorn fillet with vegetarian sausage and gravy. Both will be served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables and Christmas biscuit for dessert.

We will be ordering a lunch for every child however please email the school office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December with your child's name and class via [adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk) to advise if your child will be having either the vegetarian option or will be bringing their own packed lunch.

## Staffing News

We are delighted to be able to inform you that we have successfully appointed Mrs Ruth Proost as our new, full-time, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and Home-School Link Worker. Mrs Proost is currently working in a similar role in another school and has considerable experience in supporting families in her previous social-care roles. She will join us at the beginning of next term and is very much looking forward to introducing herself to our school community.

## Introducing Ollee – a Virtual Friend



Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's 'A Million & Me' initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

It is designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences, with the support of their parents and carers, offering advice about a range of subjects such as school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world. You can more information and download the Ollee app here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>.

## WhatsApp



We wanted to make our parents aware that during November, WhatsApp will be rolling out a 'disappearing messages' functionality. The feature will allow WhatsApp users to enable disappearing messages on chat conversations to automatically delete messages after seven days. Wiping will also apply to videos and photos.

Whilst WhatsApp's minimum user age is 16, we are aware that some of our pupils do have accounts. We strongly advise parents to regularly monitor their child's messages and ensure that the disappearing messages function is turned off - auto-deleting of messages, photographs and videos could increase the risk to children as evidence of any issues may be wiped.

## Key Dates

30<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Bikeability

17<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of Term

4<sup>th</sup> January

INSET Day