



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Extra-Curricular

I am pleased to say that our summer sports clubs have now started, this link below provides an overview of what is currently available <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/clubs-and-activities>.

Canteen Pre-order App

Our first week using the pre-order app for hot lunches (Imberhorne Lane site only this week) appears to have gone very smoothly. It is available to use across both sites from Tuesday 4th May. The app enables students to pre-order a hot meal for lunchtimes, ensuring that we prepare just the right number of hot meals and have them available at the appropriate distribution point for all students that want them.

Whilst writing about our canteen and food provision I would also like to share with you that our Windmill Lane kitchen had an unannounced food hygiene inspection and was given a 5-star rating (the highest rating), the same as our Imberhorne Lane kitchen. This is testament to our experienced, hardworking catering team and the great work that they do.

Assembly Themes

To avoid gathering students together in large numbers (indoors) we continue to deliver our programme of assemblies through form groups. Senior staff and Heads of Year record messages which are played in form time. My assembly last week asked the question 'Is it better to give than to receive?' the focus being on service and support for others, an appropriate message after the death of Prince Philip over the Easter period. Mr Jones, who leads on safeguarding across the school, will use his assembly slot next week to focus on some of the current debates around sexual harassment. We are part of a West Sussex safeguarding network and routinely receive information and resources about topics that may need to be covered or discussed with students. Understandably, this is a topic schools are being asked to focus on at this time, it is possible therefore that students may broach such matters in discussion at home as well.

Character Education

Our broader commitment to character education is reflected in our assembly themes as well as the over-riding ethos and culture of the school. We miss the opportunities we usually have to place character education at the heart of our extra-curricular provision. As we plan our calendar for the next academic year we are reinstating our usual programme of events, activities and trips. In the meantime, we hope in the second half of the summer term that we can tentatively run a few activities for students that broaden their understanding and experience beyond the classroom. Information about character education in the school can be accessed through this link - <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/content/connect-imberhorne>.

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Year 7

Our next Parental Consultation Evening is for Year 7 and is scheduled on Thursday 20th May. This will be a virtual consultation evening, as other such consultation evenings have been this year. To ensure our IT team have time to set up cameras and microphones for all participating staff we will, as usual, have a slightly condensed day. Lessons remain their usual length but the school day will finish at 2.30pm.

I wish you a pleasant bank holiday weekend and hope we all manage to avoid the showers.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown
Headteacher