

## Wise Owls News

Autumn Term 6th September 2024

## **Welcome to Doddinghurst Infant School Newsletter**

## **Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,**

A very warm welcome to both our new and existing families. We hope that you have all had a fantastic, restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been so lovely to see all of the smiling faces of the children as they have arrived at school to start their year of learning with us. We welcome our new children in EYFS and as this is a big milestone for these children and their families it has been wonderful to see the children smiling and confidently coming into school.

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself as your new Head Teacher. I am thrilled to join this wonderful community and begin our journey together, supporting your children's growth and development during their formative years. As a parent and grandparent myself, I understand how important these early years are in laying the foundation of lifelong learning. My focus will be to ensure that every child has fun, feels safe, valued and inspired to explore, be creative and develop a love for learning. In the coming weeks I look forward to getting to know you and your children better. My door is always open if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Working together we can create the best learning experience for our children.

As you may or may not know we have 5 school values that we encourage the children to live by and develop here at Doddinghurst Infant School; Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Tolerance and Kindness. This year we are introducing the opportunity for children to not only show and develop the values individually but allow them to work as a team in their classes. Each class will have a 'cube jar'. Throughout the day if a child demonstrates one of the values they will be awarded a cube for their jar. Once the jar is full the class will have a democratic vote on what they would like their reward to be e.g. movie, extra playtime, teddy bears picnic. When the jar is full we will send you notification and inform you of the reward chosen and whether we need your support i.e. to send in a teddy. The children are very excited to start earning their cubes for the class jar! Keep an eye out for further information and news in the coming weeks.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome, I am excited to be a part of this vibrant community, and I look forward to the journey ahead!

Mrs Emma Fagg