



## Wimbledon Chase Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we will be mixing up the children at the end of the year into three new classes for Year 4 in September. This opportunity allows us as a school to re-address the dynamics of each group and to create three more equally balanced classes. The staff involved in this process will be considering the following:

- Friendship groups
- Behaviour and attitudes towards learning
- Ability
- Special Educational Needs
- Dates of birth
- English as an Additional Language

During their PSHE lesson next week the teachers will be asking the children to write down which group of friends they would like to be with. This will help the teachers to make decisions about the grouping of the classes. Please help prepare your child by discussing good friendship choices with them.

Rest assured that we will do our best to preserve good friendship groups whilst at the same time establishing more balanced classes where every child has an equal chance to learn in a happy environment.

The children will not be informed about their new classes and classmates until 10 July – the day school reports are issued. (The new class lists will be included with the reports). The children will then have the opportunity to meet their new teachers and spend time getting to know each other. A coffee morning will also be organised for parents to meet the new Year 4 teachers before the end of term.

Parents have an important part to play in reassuring their children about the positive aspects of making even more friends across the year group and pointing out what an exciting opportunity this is for them.

In our experience, when necessary, mixing the classes has proved to be a positive experience as children increase the size of their friendship group and all ninety children are given a more equal opportunity to reach their personal and academic potential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me or the Phase Leader, Mrs Newell.

Yours sincerely,

**S. TOMES**

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