



Wimbledon Chase Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a great start to the new academic year, with children settled into their new classrooms and already engrossed in their learning. It has been wonderful to visit every classroom and talk to the children about their new topics and new learning challenges. I am also impressed with the large amounts of children who have taken the opportunity to extend their learning in before school, lunchtime and after school clubs. We know these activities supplement the learning experiences within school, including in areas such as music, sports, dance, cookery and computing. Wimbledon Chase offers an extensive array of clubs and we are continuing to develop the provision across all ages in the school. There are still some clubs that have a few spaces so please contact the school office if your child would like to join one of these extended learning opportunities.

Contact details

Please ensure that the school has your most up-to-date contact details on file. If you have changed any of your details (such as home address, home phone number, mobile number or email address), please inform the school office. It is important that we have the correct details on file in case we need to contact you for any reason, including in emergencies.

Twitter

As you are aware, the school is embracing new avenues to share details of key dates, special events, photographs and videos of exciting learning experiences and individual and whole school achievements. If you have not already done so please follow our Twitter feed [@ChaseWimbledon](https://twitter.com/ChaseWimbledon). Everyone at Wimbledon Chase would like to thank all of the parents, carers and friends who have already followed the school's Twitter account. The total number of followers is now at over 200, a pretty impressive total in only two weeks since the start of term. We look forward to sharing more and more learning and celebrations throughout the year.

As part of our rigorous Safeguarding procedures, the school closely manages our website and Twitter feed. The school does upload and post pictures and videos onto the school website and Twitter feed in order to share special events and successes. All teachers have a class list detailing those children who we have and have not got parental/carer permission to photograph and video and these are updated regularly. **If you do not want your child to be included in photographs or videos on the school website or Twitter feed, please let us know in writing, handing this in to the school office.**

Meet the teacher meetings and Class Representatives

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend the meet the teacher meetings. We are aware that some parents and carers could not make these meetings due to prior arrangements and work commitments and we hope you have received the emailed presentations for your perusal. If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or make contact with them through the school office.

Thank you also to all those parents and carers who have volunteered as Parent Class Representatives this academic year. The school considers the parent and carer body as a vital team player around all the children's learning and we see this representative position as key to supporting strong communication between the school and home. As the Parent Partnership Leader, Mrs Ruffle will be holding a meeting for all Parent Class Representatives on Wednesday





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27th September at 9.00am in the school library. This will give representatives an opportunity to hear about the role and how they can support the parents and the school.

The Friends of Wimbledon Chase

On Monday this week, the Friends of Wimbledon Chase met at the school. I was so inspired by the number of parents and carers who attended the meeting, not only by the members who have again kindly volunteered some of their time but also by the number of new parents who attended. It is important for us to continue the fantastic community feel to our school and I look forward to many more people volunteering to join the Friends of Wimbledon Chase. Please add the Friends' Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on 9th October to your diary as we would like to see many more parents supporting this wonderful group. For any further information, please email fowccharity@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing many more of you volunteering some of your time to make our school events so memorable for our children.

Nurture Room

We are currently in the process of restocking our lunchtime nurture room. We would be grateful for any contributions of toy cars, dolls and dolls clothes, small world toys, Lego or construction sets. We already have an abundance of soft toys so please hold on to these for later in the year and the Christmas Fair and Family Day. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous donations.

Annual trip donations

As has been the case in previous years, in order to avoid sending out regular reminders for contributions for school educational trips, the school will ask parents to pay in advance for all trips for the year ahead. A letter will be sent out to parents shortly. We hope parents will continue to find this to be a more practical and less time-consuming approach. If there is any reason why you are unable to pay in advance, or are experiencing financial difficulties, please let the school know. Thank you in advance for your contributions to supplement your child's educational experiences at the school.

Jeans for Genes Day

Similar to previous years, Wimbledon Chase will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day in the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder. If you and your child would like to support the wonderful work of this charity, your child is invited to wear items of denim on Friday 22nd September, donating £1 or more for this fantastic cause.

I look forward to seeing a sea of denim in school on Friday.

If you have any questions or comments about the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak with myself or one of the Senior Leadership Team in the playground before or after school.

Kind regards

Mr B. Foley
Headteacher

