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Dear parents and carers,

As you are aware, last Friday the school was inspired by the Jeans for Genes Day in the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK. This charity supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder and we discussed in assembly and in classes how life can be trickier for some people compared to others. We shared ideas on how our money could support some children and families, through buying specialist equipment (e.g. wheelchairs and frames), paying for nursing and care services and providing some respite and well-deserved holidays.

The school was awash with denim on Friday, including children and staff - and even some parents joined in. I am proud to announce that the school raised **£568** for the Genetic Disorders UK charity. This is a fantastic donation so thank you for all your efforts.

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 as soon as possible. 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

I have had some very positive comments from parents and carers about Wimbledon Chase using Twitter more regularly for the sharing and celebration of the children's learning at the school. In the last week, we have been able to tweet about exciting projects in classrooms, examples of amazing written and art work and reminders of special events. Twitter gives us the opportunity to share learning and events with you immediately and I know staff are keen to share more and more with you. We are now up to 250 followers ([@ChaseWimbledon](https://twitter.com/ChaseWimbledon)) so please continue to 'like' and 'retweet' our posts so we can share the amazing learning experiences with an even wider audience. Let's celebrate all that we do at Wimbledon Chase.

Class Representatives

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be Class Parent/Carer Representatives. I see this role as being instrumental to improving communication between home and school, and ultimately to support every child's learning. The school welcomes all feedback from parents and carers, both positive and in areas we can develop. In the first instance, it is important for parents and carers to speak with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's learning or about any concerns or issues. Time of day appropriate, the teachers are all willing to have a conversation with parents and carers, either before or at the end of the day. Where this may impact on teaching and learning time, a meeting may need to be arranged through the class teacher directly or the school office.

Myself and other members of the Senior Leadership Team are available at the beginning and end of the school day at both school gates or in the playground. It is important to me that senior staff are visible to the children and parents at these times and it has been lovely to meet so many of you already. Although it is often better to speak to the classteacher directly about any learning comments or queries, where possible, we will also be available to discuss your





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points. As many of you have already done so far, it is important for us to hear the positive aspects of school as well as those areas we can develop.

The Friends of Wimbledon Chase Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please add the **Friends of Wimbledon Chase AGM (7.30pm on 9th October)** into your diary. We need more volunteer parents, carers and friends to support the wonderful special events we host at the school. As you know, the core Friends team have already met and are planning many more exciting events this academic year. However, there are never enough volunteers, especially for spectaculars such as the Christmas Fair or Summer Fair. Even if you can only spare a few hours of your time, myself, the Friends and our children would really appreciate it. For any further information, please email fowccharity@gmail.com.

Parent / Carer Community Day – Saturday 7th October 2017

As you are aware from the Key Dates document sent to you a few weeks ago, the school will be hosting our **Parent / Carer Community Day on Saturday 7th October**. If you are new to the school or have not had the opportunity the volunteer previously, the school hosts a day where parents and carers are invited to support the school through offering their skills in building, painting, gardening, cleaning etc. As we know, we are exceptionally lucky to have an enormous school site, but we know it takes a lot of upkeep for it to remain a beautiful learning environment. More details will follow about this event shortly, but please start thinking how you and your family could celebrate your skills in making the school environment even better.

Parking on neighbouring roads

A few parents have spoken with me at the school gates recently, expressing their concerns about the safety of our neighboring roads. If you drive to school to drop or pick up your children, please ensure that you do so slowly and carefully. Some neighbours have also complained about vehicles being parked across residents' drive ways and blocking entire roads. Not only is this frustrating for local residents, it is also a health and safety issue.

In agreement with the London Borough of Merton, parents and carers are allowed 30 minutes of free parking in Avebury Road as a special concession. The concession applies only to vehicles which display a notice on their dashboard (collected from the school office) and parked on the 'pay and display only bays' and 'pay and display shared use bays' in Avebury Road in the Controlled Parking Zone 5F. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

If you have any questions or comments about any of 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

