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Dear parents and carers,

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, today we welcomed members of a theatre group, Fire Horse Productions, into the school. Their skilled actors brilliantly performed an anti-bullying show called 'Just Joshin' for our children in Years 2 to Year 6. This dynamic and informative production brought a difficult subject to life in a child friendly and safe way, focusing on the effects of bullying, both externally and internally. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the audience participation and the story of the mix of emotions in the heads of the bully, a target of bullying and a bystander.

Our children were an absolute credit to our school, not only in their behaviour and participation but also in their knowledge and skills on tackling bullying and poor behaviour choices. As a school, we work hard on support our children for academic success whilst continually developing their social and collaborative skills. This is through educational experiences such as Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons, circle time sessions, promoting child leadership roles (e.g. Sports Leaders and Peer mediators) and our school council. The children are encouraged to speak out about any sort of behaviour that makes them feel unsure and uncomfortable, talking to their friends, midday supervisors, teaching assistants, teachers and parents and carers. In order to develop their coping strategies and instilling confidence in themselves, it is important that we continue to create a safe and secure environment, both at home and at school.

To build on today's learning, please take the opportunity to discuss with your child/children this week's '**Talk home-learning**': If you felt you were being treated badly by some other children, what would you do?

Parent / Carer Community Day – Saturday 7th October 2017 (9.30am – 3.30pm).

Thank you to all of those parents, children, staff and friends who were able to come along to our **Parent / Carer Community Day** on Saturday. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who turned up to improve our school environment. Teams of adults and children tackled areas such as our flower beds, the children's garden, perimeter fences and the nursery and reception outdoor learning environments.

The impact of the day is clear to see and I wanted to take this opportunity, on behalf of the whole school community, to thank all of the volunteers, for their time and efforts.

The Friends of Wimbledon Chase Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday evening's Friends of Wimbledon Chase AGM was also very well attended. Current committee members and a large number of new parents and carers discussed ways to support the school in continually improving the educational experiences of our children. As we know, in recent years the Friends group have worked tirelessly on planning and delivering some wonderful special events, such as The Christmas Fair and



Family Day. Thanks and great gratitude must go to all of the committee members and volunteers for their support and hard work on these events in the last year. The newly elected Friends committee are already planning many more exciting events for this academic year. If you can offer your time for planning or delivering these special events, please contact fowccharity@gmail.com for more details. We would also love to hear about some new, creative ideas for events and special occasions.

Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evening

Please ensure that you have the Parent and Carer Consultation meetings on Wednesday 18th October in your diary. A separate letter will be sent to all parents and carers explaining the booking process shortly.

Youngstars October Half Term provision

As recently communicated, the school will be trialing a new multi-sports and activity provider over the October holiday. The prime aim of Youngstars is to introduce as many children as possible to sports, activities and a healthy lifestyle. Youngstars' colleagues have been running lunchtime sessions this week as an introduction to the school and to demonstrate the types of games and non-competitive activities on offer. I know the children have been thoroughly impressed with the range of activities and have had lots of fun. Youngstars will be back in on Thursday lunchtime this week, so please encourage your child / children to take part in these free activities. If you would then like to book a place on the October Camp, please click [here](#).

Nurture Room

On behalf of the children and the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you to those kind people who sent in lovely toys and games for our Nurture Room. The children have really enjoyed playing with the new activities and toys. To quote two individuals, one child said, "I am just so happy", whilst the second, when asked what he liked about the doll's house stated "It's so, so tall! It's taller than me!". Our Nurture Room is a much-needed reflection and quiet space for some of our children, where they can play games and discuss any anxieties or concerns with our trained staff members. Thank you to all of those who have helped resource and develop this essential learning space.

Book Fair

Next week, the school will be holding daily Book Fairs in the dining hall. We know our children love to read and learn so why not have a look at the great range of fiction and non-fiction books on offer. Books can be bought for the children to have personally or as a contribution to the library. We look forward to seeing many book-worms next week.

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