



# Wimbledon Chase Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Wimbledon Chase has been celebrating some huge successes and hosting exciting events over the last few weeks. These have come in the form of national educational accreditations and awards and hosting some film shoots for famous companies and a recording artist.



Firstly, it is my great pleasure to announce that Wimbledon Chase Primary School has recently been re-awarded the **Green Eco Award**. The Eco-Schools Programme is **pupil-led**; involves hands-on, real-world learning and gets the whole school and the wider community involved in exciting environmental projects. To gain a renewal Eco-Schools Green Flag schools need to demonstrate that they are doing **five different pieces of project work**, covering **five different Eco-Schools topics**, including examples from biodiversity, energy, litter, recycling, transport, water, school grounds, healthy living and global citizenship. Huge congratulations must go to **Mrs Hampshire and the school's Eco Committee** who have worked tirelessly to lead the school forwards through the Eco-Schools programme. We look forward to being able to unveil our new Green Flag which will join the Wimbledon Chase flag on our school flagpole shortly.

In addition to this, following a detailed and comprehensive application for the Sainsbury's School Games award, Wimbledon Chase Primary School has recently been awarded the School Games **Gold Award**. This is the first time the school has ever achieved this award. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.



Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress. As you are aware, in addition to the high quality physical education and school games within the curriculum, the school has a plethora of before school, lunchtime and after school sports clubs. Our PE curriculum and our sports clubs not only support the children to sustain a good level of fitness but also teach them life-long learning skills such as teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship and resilience. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Mr Lowe, Mr Canham and the other dedicated sports coaches and teachers for their enthusiasm and passion in providing such fantastic sporting opportunities for our children.

In fact, the **Sainsbury's** theme continues. Sainsbury's have recently filmed their new Christmas advertisement at the school. This will be released shortly and will be broadcast on all major television channels. Another film shoot the school recently hosted was for the music video of a very famous recording artist. During the Half Term holiday, the school hosted **Harry Styles**, from the band One Direction, to film his new single as a solo artist. Mr Styles attended the video shoot at the school and personally thanked myself and the school for hosting his production team and group of child actors. The music video is released on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and, excitingly, will show different parts of the school building and grounds. The money raised from these shoots will be used to help supplement our Department for Education funding to enable the school to continue to provide the extra educational resources and experiences our children deserve.



## Parent / Carer Questionnaire – Autumn Term 2017

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the Parent / Carer questionnaire. I have started to analyse the initial responses and we really appreciate the time you have spent on giving us such positive feedback and some suggested ideas for development.

If you have not had the chance to complete the questionnaire to date, please click on the following link (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WCPS-ParentCarerQuestionnaire-Autumn2017>). The deadline for completion is 9am on Wednesday 15th November. If you require a paper copy of the questionnaire, please speak with a member of staff in the school office.

Following full analysis of the questionnaires, the school will host the Headteacher Coffee Forums. During these meetings, myself and colleagues will detail our school priorities and targets for this academic year, as well as addressing any parent and carer suggested areas of development. Headteacher Coffee Forums will take place on the following dates and times:

- **Year 5 and 6 Headteacher Coffee Forum** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017, starting at 9.00am
- **Year 3 and 4 Headteacher Coffee Forum** - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, starting at 9.00am
- **Year 1 and 2 Headteacher Coffee Forum** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017, starting at 9.00am

## Friends of Wimbledon Chase Quiz Night

The amazing Friends of Wimbledon Chase have organized a school Quiz Night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November between 7.30pm and 10.30pm. Teams of up to eight people can test their knowledge and skills against other teams, whilst having lots of fun and getting to know our fantastic community even better. Please see the Quiz Night flyer which has been emailed out to you recently. Don't miss out on a great night of fun and laughter. There are a few tables left so please sign up for a team or individual place by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Love in a Box

Please remember to support the 'Love in a Box' charity campaign this year. Children and parents are invited to fill a shoe box with essential items to send to under privileged children throughout Eastern Europe. Shoe boxes can be filled with items such as games, jigsaws, picture books, crayons, pencils, soft toys, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush, hat, gloves etc. The deadline for children to bring in their filled shoe box is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for supporting such a great cause.

## Talk home-learning

To continue our drive to 'be the best we can be' and live our trade mark word of '**Inspiration**', please take the opportunity to discuss with your child/children this week's '**Talk home-learning**': ***What keeps you motivated to succeed when things get tricky? Can you share an example of a time when you have found something difficult at the start but have succeeded in the end?***

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

