



## Wimbledon Chase Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and best wishes for 2018.

Thank you for all of your generous cards and gifts to the staff, they are greatly appreciated.

### Dates for Spring & Summer Terms

Please find attached a list of dates for the rest of the academic year. Any new dates have been highlighted for you. A revised Clubs List for the Spring Term will be available next week.

Please note that most clubs begin on the week of 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### Maths Curriculum Evening (Teaching for Mastery) - Wednesday 28th March

Over the last year, there have been some exciting developments in the teaching of maths across the country and at Wimbledon Chase. After careful consideration and in light of current research and best-practice in maths teaching, the school has embarked on a Teaching for Mastery approach to maths as we feel it will lead to even better outcomes for our pupils. Since September, staff have been receiving valuable training on this approach and the school has been successful in obtaining government funding and free training through the London South West Maths Hub.

The school will be running a **Maths Curriculum Evening** focussed on Teaching for Mastery on **Wednesday 28th March**.

This will replace the Maths Teach-ins/workshops for each year group (which were due to take place towards the end of this month).

The primary aims of the evening will be to give you insights into the Teaching for Mastery approach, explore how the school is beginning to teach with mastery in mind and obtain tips on how you can best support your child at home. Please do put the date in your diaries. More information about the format of the evening will follow in due course.



In addition to the curriculum evening, the Early Years team will be holding maths workshops for Reception and Nursery parents. More information from the Early Years team will follow shortly.

If you are interested in finding out more about Teaching for Mastery, the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics) website has some useful reading and videos.

<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/47230>

### **Annual Talent Show**

As usual we will be holding the annual Talent Show on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Auditions will begin next week and there will be two performances on the 24<sup>th</sup> January - one for the children in the afternoon and a performance for parents in the evening, the proceeds of which will be given to the Lunchbowl Network to support orphans in the slums of Kibera.

More information will follow about this before the event.

In the meantime, please make a note of this date in your diaries if you would like to attend.

### **Yellow Board**

Please remember not to walk across the grass [or the cricket strip] at this time of year when the yellow board is up. We teach the children not to go on the grass when it is muddy which includes before or after school. Children are not allowed to stay and play after school on the grass or on the climbing equipment and the playgrounds should be cleared by 3.45pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Outdoor Coats**

Now that the weather is colder please make sure that your child wears a coat or anorak to school. Hoodies are not allowed. Please note that coats should be of a suitable school colour i.e. navy blue, black or a dark colour.

Best wishes for a successful Spring Term.

Yours sincerely,



**K. ELLIS**

Acting Headteacher