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Dear Parents,

It has been a great start to the year and we have had an exciting week at school. Year 2 had a 'stunning start' to their topic this term with their Ice Mania Monday, Reception children enjoyed a guide dog visitor and the Ark and Study had a great visit to Wimbledon theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

CLASS TOPICS

These are the topics that the year groups will be working on this term. If you are able to offer any expertise or resources, please speak to your child's teacher. Please look out for the year group topic webs on the school website.

RECEPTION	ONCE UPON A TIME
YEAR 1	TURRETS AND TIARAS
YEAR 2	FIRE AND ICE
YEAR 3	PRE HISTORIC BRITAIN
YEAR 4	ANCIENT GREECE
YEAR 5	WORLDS APART
YEAR 6	THE AMAZING AMERICAS/ KENSUKE'S KINGDOM/ FLOODLAND

SWIMMING

Swimming for 3A starts on Monday 15th January and for 3B and 3C on Thursday 18th January. Please log on to your ParentPay account to check that you have made payment and given consent to ensure that your child can take part.

MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

I am sure that you have noted the relevant dates for meetings with teachers this term. There are IEP meetings before half term on Monday 5th February [2.30pm – 5.00pm]. Parent Consultations are after half term on Wednesday 21st February [1.30pm – 7.30pm]. Please look out for information letters on both nearer the time.

TALENT SHOW

Auditions for the annual Talent Show have been taking place this week and there has been a wide range of talent on show. Well done to all the children who took part in the auditions; of course there will be some children who will be disappointed but they should be proud for taking part. The Talent Show is on Wednesday 24th January. More information will follow about this before the event.



FRIENDS COMMITTEE

The Friends Committee met this week to plan exciting events for the school. The Friends are a fantastic support group for the school and raise a great deal of money for the children. There will be another Quiz Night this term, please look out for confirmation of this date. The last one was great fun and an excellent chance to chat with different parents from across the school.

ADMISSION TO NURSERY OR RECEPTION – A REMINDER

Parents of children applying for a place in Nursery or Reception please note that the closing dates for online applications

Reception - Monday, 15th January 2018

Nursery – Wednesday, 28th February 2018

https://www2.merton.gov.uk/primary_schools_prospectus_2017.pdf

<http://www2.merton.gov.uk/learning/schools/admissions.htm>

<http://www2.merton.gov.uk/learning/schools/admissions/nurseryplace.htm>

For further information please contact the School Admissions Team at Merton Council directly (admissions@merton.gov.uk).

STAR WRITER OF THE WEEK

Please look out for our Star Writer of the Week feature on the school website. Teachers will be looking out for impressive pieces of writing that can be shared in assembly and then on the school website.

This week the Star Writer is actually a class! 5B wrote a fantastic whole class poem called 'The Rhythm of the Sea' and performed it in assembly.

You can see their poem here:

<http://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/category/star-writer-of-the-week/>

PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM THE OFFICE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Following guidance from Merton, there will be a new procedure for parents who are picking their child up late from the office. You will now be asked to sign that you have picked up your child on a clipboard on the reception desk. This will only add to our safeguarding procedures to ensure that all children are safe. The new procedure will start on Monday 15th January.

CHASE ALLEY GATES – NEW CODE

Again, as part of keeping our school secure, we will be changing the code on the large gates on Chase alley. The new code will be sent to you by ParentMail, or you can ask in the office if you do not receive ParentMail. **The code will change on Monday 22nd January.**

LOCAL COMMUNITY

We have received a complaint from a local neighbour who was reportedly knocked over by one of our children on their scooter along Chase Alley. We would respectfully ask parents to be vigilant with supervising children on scooters and bikes when arriving at or leaving school. Thank you.

There have also been some complaints of cars dropping children off around Chatsworth and Richmond Avenues. Again we would ask drivers to be considerate of the school's immediate neighbours, thank you.

QUICK REMINDERS

1] We respectfully remind you that our school rules do not permit dyed hair. Thank you for your cooperation. The children are making great efforts at school to look smart and tidy and be proud of their school uniform.

2] Please remember that if you would like to talk to teachers then please make an appointment through the office. Teachers are always happy to talk about any concerns, but our safeguarding procedures mean that parents should always come through the office. Thank you.

SUCCESS STORIES

Members of Marryat House received their reward [extra play] for being the House with the most points last term. Well done Marryat.



We wish the best of luck to our athletes today in years 5 & 6 who represented the school at the Borough indoor athletics competition. Results next week!

SOME EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7 th February	<i>Phonics and Reading Workshop</i> for Reception, Years 1 and 2 - parents and carers – 9am
Wednesday 28 th February	Y5 to the British Museum CANCELLED
Saturday 10 th March	Parent Community Day 9.30am – 12.30pm
21st – 25th May	Year 6 Residential Trip to the Lake District

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Headteacher