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Dear Parents,

I will start with a few bits of news before sharing some of this week's achievements at school.

VOLUNTEERS AND DBS CHECKS

Some parents and carers have been asking about our procedures about volunteering in school. We have published a guide to what we are required as a school to do when using volunteers. Volunteers are an essential and valued part of school life and we are grateful for parents who can offer time.

Essentially, if a volunteer is regular [once a week] then we must get a DBS clearance for that person.

These are free for parents [the school pays £14 per applicant], are obtained via an online application by the school and takes between 3 to 7 days to come through. Parents and carers will need to provide some identification [a list of id requirements are available from the office].

For those who volunteer on an occasional basis, either accompanying a trip or helping in school, the school must carry out a series of processes to satisfy safeguarding requirements.

To view the guide please visit the school website.

CLUBS UPDATE

We have added a few more clubs to our list for the next half-term.

- Year 3 will be able to take part in Mrs McGarrigle's Benchball club for girls on a Monday lunchtime and Mr Blanco's football club on a Tuesday lunchtime.
- There will also be a tag rugby club for Years 3 and 4 on a Monday run by Mr DeHaarte.
- In addition there will be boys' Years 3&4 as well as boys' Years 5&6 Benchball on a Thursday.
- For the younger children, Years 1&2, there will be Sports Leaders club on a Friday where Mr Dehaarte and children from Years 5&6 will plan and lead a sporting activity with the children.
- Please note that clubs run by teachers will start in the second week back after half term while paid clubs may vary.

You will have received the fully updated list by ParentMail today.



PARKING

A number of parents have recently been driving in to school either during the school day or after pick up and parked in front of the car gates to the playground. This is our emergency vehicle access and must therefore **never** be blocked. Please do not drive into school at anytime unless you have previously agreed it for a specific reason.

NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER

After consulting with parents, the school will be offering some **30 hour** nursery provision places for the September 2018 intake. Those families who are interested in this provision and would like more information then please find the information on our school website.

There is also information on the Merton website.

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

READING AND PHONICS WORKSHOPS

Thank you to those who managed to come to the Reading and Phonics workshop for Reception, Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday. For those who were unable to attend please check your ParentMail for a copy of the slides. Mrs Newell and Mrs Scott are very happy to answer any questions regarding this.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are always reviewing and checking our safeguarding and health and safety practices at school to ensure that the school is a safe environment for the children to learn in.

You may have noticed some new signs on various outside doors politely asking parents and carers to only come into the school through the office area. Thank you for adhering to this, it certainly helps us know exactly who is in the building.

We are also removing the hedge between the playground and 'back' field over half term, again for safeguarding reasons as it will improve visibility across the school site. We will be planting a new hedge near our wildlife garden.

SPARE SOCKS?

We would welcome any of the following to stock up our spare supplies. Thank you.

- Boys socks
- Girls Socks
- Calpol/Calpol 6+

BOOK FAIR

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair, run by Mrs Giddings, in the week after half term. Books will be available to buy for the children or to donate to the library at the Parent Consultation meetings on 21 February.

STAR WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Ada in 3C, Sacha in Robins and Bethany in 6A.

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

REMINDERS

Parent Consultations are the week after half term on **Wednesday 21st February [1.30pm – 7.20pm]**. School will finish at 1.15pm on that day. Please make your appointment via our online booking system.

SUCCESS STORIES

Innes are January's **House Point winners!** Congratulations!



This week the Contemporary Dance Club, led by Miss Lloyd, had a wonderful opportunity to perform at New Wimbledon Theatre as part of the ***Great Big Dance Off*** Competition for the second time. The group have been rehearsing once a week since September and this year entered a piece based on a community devastated by a natural disaster. The group performed beautifully and were exceptional ambassadors for Wimbledon Chase. The standard was very high with schools coming from all over London to perform. This year the group improved upon their previous result and I am pleased to announce that the group came 14th out of 28 schools. Well done!

THE FRIENDS

A reminder to save the dates for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 17 March, 1pm – 3pm for Nursery to Year 3 and The 80's Style Quiz Night on Friday 23 March – tickets for both will be available after half term.

CHANGE OF DATE

Apologies to Year 4 parents for giving you the wrong date for Greek Day in last week's newsletter. The actual date is Thursday 8th March.

We would like to wish you all a happy half-term!

Remember that the children return to school on Tuesday 20th February.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Headteacher