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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a great half term break, the children have been keen and eager on their return to school.

NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER

Please note that the closing date for receipt of online applications for nursery places is next Wednesday 28th February.

The school will be offering some **30 hour** nursery provision places in September 2018. Those families who are interested in this provision and would like more information then please find the information on our school website. Those already in our Nursery may also apply.

<http://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/2018/02/extended-nursery-offer-september-2018/>

There is also information on the Merton website.

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

or the Government's Childcare Service website.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

SPRING COMMUNITY DAY - SATURDAY 10th MARCH - 9.30am to 2.30pm

We are hoping to hugely improve the whole Wildlife area this year, to make it much more attractive and accessible, and to create a proper outdoor learning environment. To do this, a bit of people power will be great to cut back brambles etc.

We are also hoping we might find some parents who have access to materials, equipment and have some useful skills!

Things that would be helpful:

- Shed, and Bug Hotel are collapsing a bit, so anyone handy at repairs/woodwork. Also to help fit a new Perspex shed window.
- Lots of topsoil and compost needed, to top up the depleted raised beds.
- Although we have some tools, if anyone has loppers, shears and garden forks it will help with cutting back vegetation, and digging, on the day.



- Old carpet for using as weed suppressant, to cover with bark chips, on paths.
- Bark chips
- If people have any old bricks, or paving slabs, they will help provide stepping stones for access into larger planting areas.
- We are also hoping to fundraise for, or get donated, more picnic benches for this area.

We are looking forward to really tidying up and rejuvenating this area as we are so lucky to have the space for the children to explore and enjoy.

MINDFULNESS

As you know, we are proud of our Mindfulness work in school and Mrs Darlington, our Mindfulness expert, is always looking to develop our practice.

Wimbledon Chase Primary School has been selected to take part in a pilot research evaluation of Mindfulness as an approach to mental health and wellbeing in schools. The Department for Education has commissioned the study with the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families delivering the training.

Our Year 4 and Year 5 teachers have already received their training and will be delivering mindfulness practices to their classes for the rest of this year.

Thank you to Mrs Darlington for organising this, we are sure that all involved will really enjoy the lessons. Please check our updated Mindfulness page:

<http://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/?s=mindfulness>

TRIATHLON – SATURDAY 28th APRIL

You will be receiving information this half term about our Triathlon on Saturday 28th April. The Triathlon will raise money that will be used to develop our outside areas such as the playground as well as supporting our sports facilities. The Triathlon has been an exciting event for all to participate in over the last few years and we are all looking forward to it.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 1st March

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday with different activities in class as well as asking the children (and staff) to dress up as a favourite book character or wear their PJs. We would like to ask each child to bring in a bedtime story book from home to share with their friends. Please label your child's book.

STAR WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Masroor in 1A and to Alannah in the Ark for great writing this week.

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

SUCCESS STORIES

The Years 5&6 Tag Rugby teams took part in the MSSP Wimbledon Cluster Tag Rugby tournament at Dundonald Recreation Ground. The Year 6 team won all their group matches. They then beat Wimbledon Park in the quarter finals before narrowly losing to St Mary's in the semi-finals when they beat Dundonald to secure third place and thereby qualified for the MSSP Merton Borough finals. Congratulations to the players and thank you to Mr Lowe and Mr Dehaarte for training the teams.

Full details of the tournament can be found at:

<http://www.mertonssp.org.uk/news/wimbledon-cluster-year-56-tag-rugby-0>

Yours sincerely,



K. ELLIS

Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

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| Wednesday 28th February | Headteacher Forum – Nursery & Reception [9.00 - 9.30am Dining Hall] |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day |
| Monday 5th | Robins 'Walk to the Bridge' trip [9.00am] |
| | Headteacher Forum – Years 1 & 2 [9.00- 9.30am Dining Hall] |
| Wednesday 7th | Headteacher Forum – Years 3 & 4 [9.00- 9.30am Dining Hall] |
| Thursday 8th | Year 4 Greek Day |
| | Headteacher Forum – Years 5 & 6 [9.00- 9.30am Dining Hall] |
| Saturday 10th | Spring Community Day [9:30am – 2:30pm] |
| Monday 12th | Dance and Drama Week Theatre company visiting Y5 |
| Wednesday 14th | Year 1 to Hampton Court |
| | Nursery and Reception Maths Workshops - am |
| Thursday 15th | Nursery and Reception Maths Workshops - pm |
| Friday 16th | Move It Exhibition |
| | Film Club 3.30pm |
| Saturday 17th | Easter Egg Hunt - Nursery to Year 3 [1.00pm – 3.00pm] |
| Monday 19th | Sports Relief Week |
| | Decorate an Egg Competition |
| | Theatre company visiting Year 4 |
| | Tap performance [12:30 – 2.00pm] |
| Tuesday 20th | Year 5 Synagogue visit Rehearsals for Musical Evening |
| Wednesday 21st | Year 5 Synagogue visit Dress rehearsals for Musical Evening |
| | Musical Evening – 7.00pm |
| Thursday 22nd | Year 5 Synagogue visit |
| Friday 23rd | WCPS Sport Relief Day Year 3 Butser Farm visit |
| Wednesday 28th | Maths Curriculum Evening |
| | Year 5 Learning Dome [Science] |
| Thursday 29th | End of Spring 2 term – 1.30pm |