



Wimbledon Chase Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to all children, parents and carers. I do hope that you and your family all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all the new families joining Wimbledon Chase; we are very happy that you have joined us and I am sure the current parents and carers will make you feel very welcome. The children have really enjoyed their first week in their new classes and the teachers have also enjoyed working with them.



STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Miss Bialkowski (1A), Mrs Sankey (2A) and Mr Surkitt (6B) to the Wimbledon Chase team. They are all settling in to school life and we wish them all well in their new positions.

Congratulations to Miss Haxton (Nursery) who married over the summer; she is now Mrs Haxton-

Bartlett and we wish her and her husband, Liam well for their married life together.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Our communication with you is very important to us. We communicate through ParentMails, this newsletter on a Friday, half termly newsletters from the year groups, newsletters from the Friends, as well as through Twitter, emails and face to face meetings across the year. All of the newsletters and dates are also posted on the school website. Please can you ensure that you have **updated** the school office if your **contact details** have changed; it is essential that we have your correct details. Thank you.

At the beginning of each year we hold 'Meet the Teacher' sessions which outline the work the children will be doing across the year and answering any questions about how best to support your children in their learning. These are useful sessions and we would encourage parents and carers to attend if possible.

ARK & STUDY	Wednesday 12 th September	9 – 9.45 am
NURSERY	Tuesday 2 nd October	9 – 9.45 am
RECEPTION	Wednesday 19 th September	9 – 9.45 am
YEAR 1	Tuesday 11 th September	9 – 9.45 am
YEAR 2	Wednesday 12 th September	9 – 9.45 am
YEAR 3	Wednesday 12 th September	2.45 – 3.30 pm
YEAR 4	Thursday 13 th September	2.45 – 3.30 pm
YEAR 5	Monday 10 th September *	2.45 – 3.30 pm
YEAR 6	Tuesday 11 th September	2.45 – 3.30 pm



* If your child is in Year 5, please note that here will be a French Trip meeting in the hall immediately after your Meet the Teacher session.

The school has a **Twitter account**

@ChaseWimbledon which often shows the wide variety of exciting things that go on at the school. The Twitter account is only open to parents, carers, staff, friends and governors of the school. If your Twitter name is different to your family name, you will need to email the office to say that you have requested access to the account and tell us your Twitter name.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

You may remember that we changed our procedures for reporting absences and for picking children up at the end of the day last year.

Reporting Absences

We now ask you to contact the school **each morning** that your child is unable to attend. Please do this by either calling the school office or using the absence email absence@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk. If you know your child is going to be absent for a few days (e.g. they have chicken pox), the school will advise you about when you need to call in again.

Late Collection

Pupils who are late being collected from school need to be **signed out** at the office in a similar way to they are signed in when they are late arriving to school. Further details can be found on our absence policy on the website.

<http://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/policies/>

SCHOOL MEALS – YEARS 3 TO 6

Please remember that the school meals are now £2.05; please check that your ParentPay accounts are in credit.

Thank you.

THE OFFICE

As part of our work at ensuring our school is secure [and to make us GDPR compliant] we had a smart new shutter installed in the office over the summer.



The office will now literally shut at 4.30pm each day!

NOTABLE DATES

It is an exciting and busy term and you will find the dates for the term with this newsletter.

Please pop these dates into your diary.

- **Friday 21 September** – *Jeans for Genes day*
- **Thursday 27 September** – *Mindfulness Workshop* for parents & carers [9am]
- **Saturday 29 September** – *Danceathon* [see below]
- **Wednesday 3 October** – Class Reps Welcome Meeting [9am]
- **Saturday 6 October** – *Autumn Community Day*
- **Monday 15th October** – *International Week*
- **Friday 19th October** – *Dress up for International Week*

There will be more details soon for these exciting events.

SUCCESS STORIES

Violin

Well done to Marcos-Lucca in Year 2 who passed his Grade 1 violin exam with distinction over the summer. Well done!

Summer Reading Challenge

Hecate and Freya in Year 1 were very proud to have achieved their Summer Reading Challenge and receive a lovely certificate. Excellent reading girls!

FRIENDS DANCEATHON!

Get yourself into gear for the new year!

The **5 Mile Moves Sponsored Danceathon** is happening at school on **Saturday 29th September** from 10am - 12.

See how many tracks you can dance to!

Look out for more information soon!

REMINDERS

Please ensure that children on **scooters or bikes** are riding safely and are well supervised as a parent was knocked over in Chase Alley this week and quite shaken up.

Although our **school grounds** are wonderfully tempting to play on after school, children are actually not meant to stay and play [including football] or go on the climbing apparatus for health and safety reasons and the grounds should be clear by the time the bell goes at 3.45pm. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

The Clubs List will be sent out to you next week. Please check each club for their start date.

Choir and Orchestra start the week beginning 24th September.

Aikido continues this year apart from on Friday 19th October as Trevor is at a conference.

There has been a great deal of work on the site going on over the summer [look out for some pavilion news soon!] including increasing our site security. There will shortly be a **new entry system from Chase Alley** that will particularly affect Nursery parents and carers which we will inform you about soon.

TERM TIME HOLIDAY

It is important that you plan your holidays around the school term times. Time off during the term is disruptive to the class, as well as having an impact on your child's academic progress and their friendship groups. All requests for additional holiday in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Follow this link to see the holiday times. Thank you.

<http://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

FINALLY

Have a great weekend, we look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

Yours sincerely,



K. ELLIS

Acting Headteacher