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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Foley is currently off sick. I and the rest of the Senior Management Team continue to run the school in his absence.

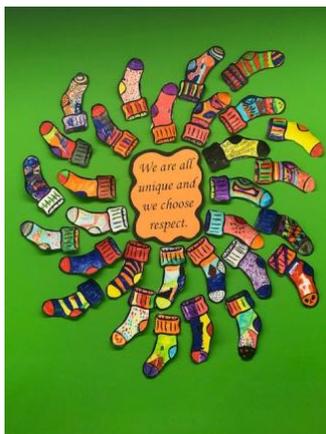
It does mean that I can do the newsletter this week!

We have had a very exciting Anti-bullying week with odd socks! This led to lots of discussion and work around celebrating differences and dealing with bullying.

Year 6 held an assembly on Anti-Bullying.



Year 2 produced this lovely Odd Sock Display.



THE CHASE MARKET

You may have noticed that there is the prospect of a farmers' market at Wimbledon Chase which will be called *The Chase Market*. City & Country Farmers' Markets approached the Friends to see if this might be a possibility as they felt that it would be a good place to serve the local community. They are running a poll on their Facebook page to see if it is something that the community would like and your child should have brought home a flier today.

If you are interested or want to find out more about the market, please visit <https://weareccfm.com>. You can then vote on their Facebook poll – obviously this will bring much needed revenue in for the school. Click on this link to vote - [Chase Farmers' Market](#)

SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

Each year the school, as part of its drive to keep improving, prioritises areas to develop. We shared these with you at the beginning of the year but here is a bit more detail.

This year, we will be focussing on these key priorities:

- A clear focus on reinforcing the school's learning trademark words and values across the school community so that all pupils continue to gain and develop life-long learning skills.
- Placing a continued rigorous focus on teaching and learning and continued professional development in Maths, to ensure improved attainment and good progress is made by all learners.



- Ensuring the teaching and learning of Writing is consistently high across the school, through a focus on writing opportunities and skills in all curriculum areas, resulting in improved attainment and progress across the school.
- Implementing strategies to reduce the attainment gap between boys and girls across Reading, Writing and Maths.
- The consistent use of computing and technology is used to enrich learning opportunities within the curriculum.
- To promote and value mental well-being for children, staff and the school community.

Please follow this link to see an overview on our website [with pictures!]

<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/about-us/school-improvement/>

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION

It has been recently brought to our attention that there have been issues in the playground between parents concerning incidents that have happened between their children in the school day.

We realise that such issues can be highly emotional and personal and in some cases can lead to angry outbursts. This of course is not acceptable on school grounds in front of children.

Therefore, it is very important that any incidents, concerns or worries about children that have happened during the school day should be communicated immediately and only to the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We are constantly reinforcing the message of respect amongst children and would like this to be reflected amongst the adults in our community.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

SECURITY

Unfortunately we have had a spate of stolen scooters and bikes from the bike sheds particularly near Chase Alley. Thieves have been entering by cutting through our fence to take any scooters or bikes left overnight, including those left locked up. Please can we ask you to take home all scooters and bikes each day as they are extremely vulnerable when left overnight.

The new Chase Alley entry system has greatly increased the security of the children at the school. Thank you for your patience with any teething issues and for coping with the opening and closing times.

LOVE IN A BOX

A reminder that you will have recently received a leaflet for our annual *Love in a Box* collection. We are hoping to have a 'wall' of boxes packed with gifts that will be sent to under privileged children throughout Eastern Europe. The deadline for this is **Friday 23rd November**.



[Our wall at the moment!]

WINTER COMMUNITY DAY – THIS SATURDAY!

I hope that you received a ParentMail today about tomorrow's **Winter Community Day**. It is between 1 and 4pm. Any help for any amount of time is very much appreciated. The meeting point is Class 1C – look out for the balloons! You can then choose from a wide range of different jobs, indoors or outdoors. Refreshments of course will be provided! Many thanks, as always, to parents Sophie and Alex for organising this.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

Please look out next week for some bumper information from the Friends about this year's Christmas Fair. It will be on **Saturday 1st December** from **2pm to 6pm** and will end with a firework display! As you can imagine, hours of work and preparation has gone into this event by the Friends and I am sure it will be a very special occasion. Remember that there will be a mufti day on Thursday 29th November in exchange for goodies for the Christmas Fair.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

We will be taking part in **Christmas Jumper Day** this year, raising money for Save the Children. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers [over their uniforms!] on **Friday 14th December**. We will remind you nearer the time.



SUCCESS STORIES

TENNIS

Congratulations to Dylan in Year 3 who recently took part in a local tennis tournament against other excellent Year 7 tennis players and won! We showed the school his lovely trophy in assembly today. Well done Dylan.

MORE MUSICAL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Aimee in Year 2 who has recently been successful in her piano Prep Test where she played her pieces with 'care and attention'. Well done Aimee!

HOCKEY

Today, the Wimbledon Chase hockey team took part in a local hockey tournament. They had a great day and were shown a masterclass session with two England hockey players who are off to the World Cup next week. The children were great ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mr DeHaarte for coaching the team.



The team with the England players [just behind Mr DeHaarte!]

Diamond Blue Peter Badge

Connie in Year 6 is very proud to have been awarded a Diamond Blue Peter Badge for drawing a picture of her favourite Blue Peter memory. You can only receive a diamond badge if you have had a badge previously – which Connie has [green, blue and sports badge]! Well done Connie!



JOHN LEWIS ADVERT

I am not one for promoting particular shops or brands but I just wanted you to take particular notice of the school hall used in this year's John Lewis advert!

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

Thank you for all of your support for Children in Need day. We have raised around £570 even before the cake stall after school.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Ellis'.

K. ELLIS

Deputy Headteacher