



# Wimbledon Chase Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and best wishes for 2019.

The children have been happy and enthusiastic and have settled straight back into school life. Year 2 had a 'stunning start' to kick off this term's topic of *Fire and Ice* with their Ice Mania day which included activities such as making polar board games, drawing polar bears, making penguin cups and masks and cross curricular art work based on the polar topic and the science topic of the uses of everyday materials.



## MEETINGS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

As you are aware, we remain committed to providing you with various opportunities to engage and work with us to continue to move our school forward. With this in mind, I have included a list of events. It would be lovely if

you could join us for all that are relevant for your child/ren. Further details will follow shortly.

<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Share My Learning Evening 3.45-7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Parent Class rep Meeting [library] 9.00am
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>IESP meetings for parents –</b> 2.30 – 5.00pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Phase 1 Vision &amp; Values</b> Parent Meeting – 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Phase 2 Vision &amp; Values</b> Parent Meeting – 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Phase 3 Vision & Values Parent Meeting – 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Tapestry Introduction Meeting 11.45am Nursery
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading & Phonics Workshop 9.00am
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parent consultation meetings</b> 1.30 -7.30pm
	Early Years Tapestry Support Workshop [Mr Kimber ICT suite]
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	'Creating Resources Workshop' Reception 9.00- 11.00am
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Community Day 1.00-4.00pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery Maths workshop 8.30–11.30am
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Maths workshop 2.00pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery [12.25 – 3.25pm] & Reception [9.00am] Maths workshops
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Headteacher's Forums week
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Maths Curriculum Evening

Please note the consultation dates in your diaries.

The **IESP meetings** are before half term on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** [2.30–5.00pm].

**Parent Consultations** are then after half term on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** [1.30–7.30pm] (last appointment 7.20pm).

Please look out for information letters on both nearer the time.

### **DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM**

Please find attached a list of dates for the rest of the Spring term.

The **Clubs List** for the Spring Term is on the school website and most clubs begin next week except for choir which will start on Tuesday 22 January and orchestra on Wednesday 23 January, both at 8.15am.

<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Clubs-ListSpring2019.pdf>

### **SHARE MY LEARNING EVENING**

We have arranged a **'Share My Learning'** evening for next **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. This event was welcomed by parents and carers last year so we have organised for two throughout the year [the other will be in the Summer term]. Your children will bring you to their classroom to show you their books and share their learning with you. The teachers will not be around so it will be up to your child to tell you all the learning they have been doing!

The school will be open on **Thursday from 3.45 until 7.00pm**.

### **ANNUAL TALENT SHOW**

We will be holding the annual **Talent Show** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** this year [which is a change of date from previously published]. Auditions will begin in the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> January and there will be two performances on

the 13<sup>th</sup> February - one for the children in the afternoon and a performance for parents and carers in the evening at 7.00pm. Proceeds from the evening will be given to the Lunchbowl Network to support orphans in the slums of Kibera.

Please look out for my letter on ParentMail regarding this event.

### **SWIMMING**

Swimming for Year 3 starts on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January through to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Newell has sent out the information letter.

### **SUCCESS STORIES**

#### **NEW NURSERY SHELVING**

Thank you to 3 fantastic Dads from Nursery & Reception who built a fantastic new set of shelves for the Nursery. They are very impressive and incredibly useful [thank you!].



#### **MUSIC**

Congratulations to Conor in Year 3 who achieved distinction in his Grade 1 piano exam last term, a lovely achievement.

### **IPODS/IPHONES/IPADS**

If you have any iPods, iPhones or iPads at home that are no longer being used [maybe because of upgrades at Christmas], we would be able to make very good use of them in our early years phase. Many of our assessments are captured by the staff on hand held devices, uploaded to our Tapestry assessment package and shared with parents and carers.

We would be very grateful for any that you have spare; please hand into the school office. Thank you.

### **STAR WRITER OF THE WEEK**

We will be reintroducing our Star Writer of the Week feature on the school website from next week.

Teachers will be looking out for impressive pieces of writing from across the curriculum that can be shared in assembly and then on the school website. Keep an eye out for some fantastic writing!

### **LOST PROPERTY**

We still have a large amount of school uniform that was not claimed at the end of last term.

We will lay out the clothes again next Tuesday for one last time before we pass them on to Bertie Bank. The Lost Property boxes are located in the Dining Hall if you wanted to rummage before then.

Named items are usually returned to classes each week. Please make sure that you remember to name all uniform, including shoes, outdoor coats, jumpers, ties and PE kit.

### **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

Congratulations to two winners of the school lottery last month, a parent in Sparrows and a parent in 3C.

Both won £175 each!

### **CHRISTMAS DVDS**

If you missed your chance to order a DVD of the Christmas productions before the break, we have some spares! Please bring in £10.50 to the school office if you would like one.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Yellow Board**

Please remember not to walk across the grass [or the cricket strip] at this time of year when the yellow board is up. We teach the children not to go on the grass when it is muddy which includes before and after school. Children are not allowed to stay and play after school on the grass or on the climbing equipment and the playgrounds should be cleared by 3.45pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Outdoor Coats**

Now that the weather is colder please make sure that your child wears a coat to school. Hoodies are not allowed.

#### **Snacks**

We reminded the children in assembly today that snacks for break time should be healthy [fruit, vegetables, cereal bar etc.] and that they should not have crisps or chocolate.

We also reminded them that their snacks should be in their school bag and not in their packed lunch box as they are not permitted to go to their packed lunch boxes before lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **ADMISSION TO RECEPTION –A REMINDER**

Parents and Carers of children applying for a place in Reception 2019, please note that the closing date for online applications is Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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

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

### LOCAL PARKING

I have been asked by a parent to remind car users who park in Avebury Road to ensure that they park within the marked lines and not to take up 2 spaces. This has led to other users having to park further away from the school.

### IT'S A WILD WORLD

The children were introduced to an exciting competition for the Spring term in assembly this morning by Mrs Hampshire. The children have to design a wonderful home for any wildlife that may be found in your garden or local park. Entries should be handed in to Mrs Hampshire by **Tuesday 22nd January**.



Please follow this link for more information.  
<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/category/news/letters/>

### YOUNGSTARS

Youngstars will be running a half term holiday camp again at Wimbledon Chase this half term. Children receive a packed day [or half day] of sporting and art and craft activities.

If you are interested in booking a place over half term, please follow this link to the Youngstars website and click the Wimbledon Chase button.  
[www.young-stars.co.uk](http://www.young-stars.co.uk)

### CYCLE TRAINING

Parents and carers may not be aware that the borough offers cycle training to adults as well as children, regardless of ability either as part of a group, or on a one2one basis. Beginners' sessions are every Saturday. Bikes are provided. To book please complete the booking form on their website:  
<http://www.cyclinginstructor.com/Merton>

### FINALLY

We welcome Ms Schubert to the Wimbledon Chase Community who is 3A's teacher for the rest of the year, replacing Ms Lloyd. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Ms Schubert to Wimbledon Chase.

I am also happy to announce that Mr Kimber's wife has given birth to a baby boy named Frederick over the break. Mum and baby are well as is Dad [although he may look a bit tired next week!]

Have a great weekend.  
Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of K. Ellis.

**K. ELLIS**  
Acting Headteacher

## Spring Term 2019 – Events Calendar

<b>January</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start of Spring 1 term</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Ice Mania Day – Year 2
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Share My Learning Evening 3.45-7.00pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Walk to the Bridge - Owls
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Parent class rep. meeting [library] 9.00am
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Walk to the Bridge - Sparrows
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Talent Show auditions week
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Governing Body meeting
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Unicorn Theatre visit am – Year 4
<b>February</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	IESP meetings for parents – 2.30-5.00pm
	Talent Show rehearsals week
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Phase 1 Vision & Values Parent Meeting
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Phase 2 Vision & Values Parent Meeting
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Phase 3 Vision & Values Parent Meeting
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Walk to the Bridge - Robins
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Tapestry Introduction Meeting 11.45am Nursery
	Science Museum – The Study
	Talent Show – 7.00pm

<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading & Phonics Workshop 9.00am
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Spring 1 term – 3.20/3.30pm finish</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start of Spring 2 term</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent consultation meetings 1.30pm-7.30pm <b>School closes at 1.15pm</b>
	Early Years Tapestry Support Workshop [Mr Kimber ICT suite]
<b>March</b>	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	'Creating Resources Workshop' Reception 9.00-11.00am
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Full Governing Body meeting
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Hindu Visitor – Year 4
	Pizza Express visit – The Study
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Community Day 1.00-4.00pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery Maths workshop 8.30-11.30am
	RAH Rehearsal @ Harris Academy 10.00–12.00 – Year 5
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Maths workshop 2.00pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery [12.25–3.25] & Reception [9.00am] Maths workshops
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	RAH Rehearsal 10.00–12.00 @ Harris Academy - Year 5
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Decorate an Egg Competition
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	RAH event – Year 5
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Hampton Court – Year 1
	Museum of Childhood - The Ark

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Headteacher's Forums week
	Fairy Tale Walk 9.00am - Sparrows Fairy Tale Walk 1.00pm - Robins
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Fairy Tale Walk 9.00am - Owls
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Musical Evening – 7.00pm
<b>April</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Easter Workshop – Year 6
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Wimbledon Synagogue – Year 5
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Maths Curriculum Evening
	Wimbledon Synagogue – Year 5
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Wimbledon Synagogue – Year 5
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Spring 2 term – 1.30pm</b>