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Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week back at school and there is a great deal to share with you. It was good to see you at Parent Consultations on Wednesday; I hope that you found it informative.

SPRING COMMUNITY DAY

Our Spring Community Day is on Saturday 9th March from 1pm to 4pm. If you are able to give an hour or more then we are always extremely grateful. There are plenty of jobs to do including gardening, painting, building and clearing. Please wear old clothes and bring along any helpful tools such as shears or loppers! Thank you to Alex and Sophie for organising.



WORLD BOOK DAY

As mentioned last week for **World Book Day**, which is on **Thursday 7th March**, we would like to invite parents, relatives or carers to come into school and read to their child's class. If you have a favourite book or poem in mind, then please share this with the class teacher, otherwise, books will be provided.

Children can dress up as a favourite book character **next Friday 8th March** if they wish for our Friday assembly which will be focused on

World Book Day. Follow this link for some ideas for dressing up.

<https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/category/news/letters/>

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

Please remember to save your **plastic bottle tops** [they don't have to be milk, all types are accepted!] and when you have a few, **PLEASE THOROUGHLY WASH THEM** and send them in to school in a plastic bag for our **bottle top mosaics** that we are going to create. We need as many different coloured bottle tops as we can. Thank you.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I hope that you received a ParentMail this week explaining that after a technical error the Parent Governor election had to be postponed. For the process to be fair to all candidates we will now be reissuing ballot papers, on coloured paper, on Monday 11th March.

MEDITATION TRIP

The children in the Ark went to the Kadampa Meditation Centre in Morden this week to find out more about Buddhism and special places. They made their own shrine and did some meditation. Following this, one of the Buddhist monks later used an example with his evening class about how when some jewels spilled on the ground one of our pupils started helping to pick them up and soon everyone else joined in - he shared this as an example of how we all have



the power to inspire others to do kind things. Thank you to Mrs Wilkins for inspiring us with this trip.

DROPPING CHILDREN OFF

Please may I remind you that parents should not drive into the car parks at the front of the school to drop children off. This is dangerous for children as many cars from both the school and the Art College use the car parks and would not expect children to be there. There is parking available in Avebury Road; a letter from the office can be placed on your dashboard whilst children are taken into and picked up from school and no parking tickets should be issued. Thank you.

STAR WRITERS OF THE WEEK

This week's Star Writers are Andrei from Year 1, and Mathilde from Reception. Congratulations to these children; you can find their pieces of writing through this link. <https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/category/star-writer-of-the-week/>

FRIENDS' EVENT

The Friends' will be organising a quiz night next term on **Friday 10th May**; please add the date to your diary and watch out for further details from the Friends.



LOTTERY WINNER

Many congratulations to a family from Owls class that has won last month's lottery worth £185. If you wish to take part then please collect details from the office.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

As you know we view attendance and punctuality as an extremely important part of school life. We tell the children in assembly which classes have had 100% punctuality and which classes have the best attendance. I will

be now informing you in the newsletter. For the week before half term:

No late marks in 1B, 3A, 3B or 3C

Best class attendance 99.6% 5B

SUCCESS STORIES

SWIMMING

We have many swimmers at Wimbledon Chase. Well done to Lola, Conor and Lois [all Year 3] who have excelled recently in galas at the Wimbledon & Merton Swimming Club. All achieved commendable results in age groups above their own.

VIOLIN

Marcos-Lucca in Year 2 has successfully passed his grade 2 violin exam. Well done!

TAG RUGBY FINALISTS

The school tag rugby teams took part in the MSSP Wimbledon Cluster Years 5&6 tournament at Dundonald Rec. on Thursday, 28th February. We are pleased to announce that Wimbledon Chase finished in the top four and has now qualified for the borough finals to be held next Friday at The Hub.

FINALLY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Next week it is the school's 95th birthday on the 8th March! Any cards from children will be gratefully received and the traditional daffodil and pussy willow display will be on the entrance table – a tradition from when girls in the original school wore sprigs of daffodil and pussy willow whilst singing the school hymn around the flagpole.

Yours sincerely,

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

K. ELLIS

Acting Headteacher