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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a restful break; it has been great to see the children back to school this week settling into their new topics for the term. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Hopefully, we will gradually move towards some restrictions being relaxed.

Guidance

The guidance from the Government at the moment is very similar to before Easter and so therefore we ask that you keep to the current plan, wearing face masks, social distancing and following our current risk assessment protocols. Schools await further guidance about how the road map will affect life in school but we are hoping that schools will be able to plan further outside activities to enrich the children's lives.

At school, we are ensuring that we do not become 'COVID-19 prevention' complacent and have emphasised to the children about washing their hands and playing in their year groups. Click the link to the [Summer Term Dates](#) which include events like Sports Days and performances. We are hoping that parents will be able to attend, but cannot confirm at this stage; we will keep you updated as soon as we get new guidance.

Back to School

The children have enjoyed the sunny weather this week and have been able to do lots of lovely outdoor learning. On Thursday we celebrated Earth Day with different activities including Nursery planting stinky sensory plants, Reception, who investigated how big the Earth is, Year 5 who did some seed planting, Year 4 who collected a surprising amount of litter and Year 1 who made bird feeders using apples and seeds.



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Class Photos

The children will be having their class photo next **Tuesday 27th April**. Children should attend school in their summer uniform for this day. If your child has PE lessons or an after school club on Tuesday they should **bring their PE kit in separately** so they can change in school.

Accelerated Learning

With children being away from school for so long last term, teachers have been informally assessing children on their learning as well as their learning behaviour (for example their levels of concentration, their resilience in tasks and confidence in attempting new learning activities).

We have developed a range of accelerated learning strategies to support children with their learning across the curriculum. These include

- Whole class teaching that focuses on areas of the curriculum that may need revising
- Small groups with a teacher that focus on a specific skill such as spelling and handwriting
- Reading groups that focus on skills such as inference, comprehension and phonics

Some of these may be one-off sessions or over a longer period. Our aim is to create a positive environment around these strategies so that children do not feel that they have 'fallen behind' but that it is all part of our day to day learning. There are some groups that will be conducted before school. You will receive separate communications from school if your child has been invited to take part in one of our before school sessions.

IESP (Individual Education Support Plan) meetings

Individual Education Support Plan meetings will be taking place over the forthcoming weeks. If your child has an IESP please sign up at [Wimbledon Chase Primary School](#)

Pupil Premium

We know that many families are facing difficult times following lockdown and their financial situations may have changed. If you feel that this may apply to your family's situation, then you may be eligible to apply for Pupil Premium. The Pupil Premium Grant benefits the school as we receive funding for each Pupil Premium place. Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium also receive free school meals. Reception to Year 2 presently receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) but we would urge you to apply anyway because of the funding that would come to the school.

You can find out more about Pupil Premium [on our website here](#), or check if you are eligible to apply on the [borough website here](#).

Scooters & Bikes

We reminded the children in assembly today that we encourage travel to school by scooter or bikes but that they should be locked up during the day and collected every evening, please do not leave overnight. We have previously had outsiders steal scooters and bikes and sometimes children mistakenly take home the wrong one.

We also reminded them that they should not ride their scooters and bikes on the school grounds before or after school for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your help in supporting this.

Goodbyes & Hellos

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to some members of staff last term. Mr Saller is spending some more time with his family, Mrs Hirst-Allen has moved away from London with her family and new baby and Mrs Riches has retired so that she can spend some time with her grandchildren. All were fantastic members of staff who benefited many children over their time at Wimbledon Chase. We wish them every happiness in their next adventures.

It is with happiness that we welcome Ms Read to Wimbledon Chase who is replacing Mr Saller in Year 3. Ms Read is well known to the school and is excited to be working with 3B.

Finally

Year groups will be sending out their newsletters next week with details of the learning for the term and other year group related information. An updated events calendar is on the website showing all that we have planned so far including dates for sports days, performances and parent consultations.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis