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Dear Parents,

We have had a great couple of weeks and the children have settled well into 'school routine'. It has been lovely to see our new Nursery and Reception children join us as well as a number of new children in various year groups who have joined the school. We know that joining a new school can be a bit nerve wracking to begin with so we hope they settle quickly and happily into our school community.

For new families, the **year group newsletters** which inform you of what the children are learning, and the '**Meet the Teacher**' information [are on our website \(click here\)](#); we hope that you find them informative.

COVID GUIDANCE

We have updated our Frequently Asked Questions about how school is operating following Step 4 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown. This is a working document and we will update it regularly as we receive new guidance. The messages at school that we continue to promote are ensuring good hygiene including frequent and thorough hand washing and sanitising, maintaining the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes. [Please follow this link for the FAQs.](#)

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Our Harvest Festival assemblies will now be on Tuesday 28th September. We donate the food to the Trussell Trust who organise the Wimbledon food bank. The Trust has asked us to say that they need items like tinned vegetables, carrots, peas and sweetcorn, long life milk, packed lunch treats like cereal bars and sugar (500g or 1Kg). They have plenty of pasta. Please be kind enough to send in any donations on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th. Thanks for your support in this.



AUTUMN COMMUNITY DAY

It's back! We will be holding an Autumn Community Day on Saturday 9th October. As a school community we are all extremely proud of our school environment. The Community Day is where we ask for your help with upkeep and enhancing the outdoor spaces. If you are a keen gardener, a DIY expert or just happy to get your hands dirty to support school, please add the date to your diary. More information will follow shortly.

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PARENT MEETINGS

Parents of children with Individual Educational Support Plans [IESPs] will receive the draft IESPs on **Friday 8th October** with **IESP parent meetings** being held the week commencing **11th October**.



Parent Consultations will be on **Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st October**.

We are interested in your views on whether these meetings should be virtual, face to face, or a mixture of both. Depending on the local level of COVID infections in October we may have to revert to virtual meetings anyway, but for the future it would be great to know how you would like these meetings to be conducted. [Please can you complete the quick survey here](#). Thank you.

INSET DAY

Please note that **Monday 1st November** is a school **INSET day** when school will be closed to children.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - MONDAY 6th JUNE

I am sure that you know that the Government announced an extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls in the summer half term, schools have been allowed to allocate one extra day's holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Ours will be on Monday 6th June when school will be closed. Children will return from the summer half term on Tuesday 7th June.

PARKING

Please remember that cars should not park outside the front of the school or pull up to let children out. As a school we have a special arrangement with the borough that allows Wimbledon Chase parents to park in Avebury Avenue and then walk their children to school from there. If you would like to use this arrangement then you will need to display a letter from the school on your dashboard. You can pick up a copy from the school office or [print a copy from the school website](#).

TWITTER

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.

FINALLY

At the Merton School Sports Partnership (MSSP) conference today, the school was recognised for its commitment to keeping our children active during the pandemic. The certificate was presented to Mr Lowe by the leader of Merton council, Mark Allison.

Best wishes

Mr. K. Ellis
Headteacher

