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Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting couple of weeks back and the children have been enjoying the start of their new topics for this term. I hope you saw the [year group newsletters](#) sent to you this week with details of the topics; the newsletters can also be found on the [school website by following this link](#).

PUPIL WELFARE



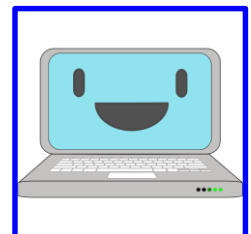
One of our school priorities this year is to promote **positive mental health and wellbeing** for pupils and staff. Last term children were invited to tell us how they felt at school and encouraged to think what they could do if they were feeling at all worried. It was interesting to see that children in general were very happy to be back at school, particularly to see and play with their friends as well as to see their teacher. If they did have worries they were mostly about dealing with new things like new rules or routines but also some were anxious about COVID-19.

At school we regularly talk to the children about wellbeing and feeling safe. In our recent assemblies children were asked to talk about who their trusted adults are and were reminded that they can talk to a teacher or adult or use the class 'worry box' if they are feeling at all anxious or worried.

Wellbeing is also part of our curriculum discussions at school with new wellbeing lead teachers (Mrs Lawless, Mrs Dumont and Mrs Nicholas) and is as important as other curriculum areas. **Please watch this space for a Wellbeing newsletter** that we will be sending out this term informing you of the wellbeing activities at school.

ONLINE SAFETY

Online safety, as you know, is a very important part of children's learning and is part of what children are taught through the computing curriculum. **Safer Internet Day** this year is on the **8th February** and online safety will be a focus with children at school including in assemblies. We will also be running a **workshop for parents on online safety** on **Monday 4th February** and will send more information nearer the time. The Children's Commissioner has also produced a **guide for parents on talking to children about online safety** which is on our [Online Safety page on the school website \(along with other handy resources for parents\)](#).



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INTER HOUSE SWIMMING COMPETITION



This week, over 60 children from Years 4, 5 & 6 competed in the **inter house swimming** at Morden Leisure Centre (which we haven't been able to do since 2020!). The cost of pool and coach hire was very kindly sponsored by the Friends of Wimbledon Chase. Many thanks to the parent helpers who acted as poolside timekeepers. The times are being collated and the winner will be announced next week with the fastest swimmers going forward to represent the school against other schools in the borough.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

A reminder that the Parent Governor **ballot will close at 10.00am next Thursday 20th January 2022**. You may vote for one candidate. Each parent can only submit one vote, regardless of the number of children you have attending the school. You can access the ballot and personal statements of the candidates – Jon Fuller and Prabhu Ramaiah - at <https://forms.gle/G3fg5xx8uNBzAkAa9>.



CHANGES TO THE SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD FOR THOSE WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Following my COVID-19 guidance letter last week, the government guidance has been **updated** to the following.

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they do not have a temperature and they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

Please note that when calculating the isolation period, the day of the positive LFD test or symptoms is treated as day zero.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available here.

Please do contact us if you have any queries about the new guidance.

DATES



Please [follow this link to view some of the key dates for the Spring term](#). Particular dates to note are:

- **Thurs 20th Jan: Years 1-6 Supporting Oracy and Comprehension Development - Zoom Workshop for parents 9.15am**
- **W/b Monday 7th February - IESP Meetings**
- **Monday 21st February - INSET Day (school closed)**
- **Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th February - Parent Consultations**

More information on these dates to follow.

IPHONES/IPADS/OLD PHONES

If you have any **iPhones, iPads or other phones or tablets** (less than 5 years old) 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 handheld devices, uploaded to our Tapestry assessment package and shared with parents. Any that you have spare, please hand into the school office. Thank you.



BMM HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP



BMM Sports Coaching will be running a half-term holiday camp again at Wimbledon Chase this half term. [Please follow this link if you would like to book up.](#)

KINDNESS

We received so many fantastic posters and pieces of writing for our kindness competition that we have made them into two **Kindness Books** that the children can read at their leisure in the school library and I also share examples each week in assembly. Our hope is to put all of them onto our school website - [please follow this link for the few that are up there so far.](#)

Thank you to all the children who took part in the competition.



FINALLY

We welcome **Ms Colleran** to the Wimbledon Chase Community who is 1B's teacher for the rest of the year, replacing Ms Murphy. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Ms Colleran to Wimbledon Chase.

We are delighted to announce that **Mrs Schubert**, one of our Reception teachers, gave birth to baby Miles over the Christmas break. Both mother and baby are doing well and I am sure you will join in with me in wishing the family all the best for these first exciting months.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis
Headteacher

For further information and guidance:

How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-COVID19-result>
or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)

Please keep children at home if they are at all unwell, even if they are not displaying typical COVID-19 symptoms.