



WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to all children and parents. I do hope that you and your family all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all the new families joining Wimbledon Chase; we are very happy that you have joined us and I am sure the current parents will make you feel very welcome. We know that joining a new school can be a bit nerve wracking to begin with so we hope that you settle quickly and happily into our school community.



The teachers have really enjoyed their first week with their new classes, getting to know the children and the children are enjoying getting to know their new routines as well as some new classmates. They have also coped very well with the late summer heat!

MEET THE TEACHER

Next week are our **Meet the Teacher meetings** which are being held in the classrooms. Anybody who is unable to make these meetings will be able to see the year group slides on the website afterwards.

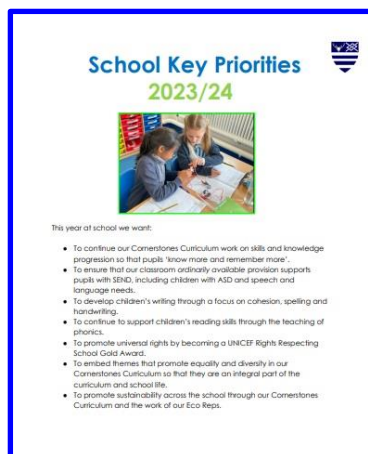
YEAR 1	Monday 11 th September	9.00 – 9.30am
YEAR 2	Tuesday 12 th September	9.00 – 9.30am
YEAR 3	Wednesday 13 th September	9.00 – 9.30am
YEAR 4	Monday 11 th September	2.45 – 3.30pm
YEAR 5	Tuesday 12 th September	2.45 – 3.30pm
YEAR 6	Wednesday 13 th September	2.45 – 3.30pm

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ARK & STUDY	Thursday 14 th September	10.00 - 10.30am
RECEPTION	Wednesday 20 th September	09.10 – 10.00am

SCHOOL KEY PRIORITIES



Each year at Wimbledon Chase, we have a number of **key priorities** taken from our School Development Plan that are shared with the whole school community, the School Council, all children, Governors, parents and staff working together in order to achieve them.

Our priorities this year include continuing to support children's writing as well as starting our journey towards Rights Respecting School Gold. [Please follow this link for our School Key Priorities.](#)

PARENT GYM

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too).

This is why we are delighted to be able to offer **Parent Gym** for the **10th** time. A well established, **six-week programme** that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. This programme has always been very popular with our parents.

All parents are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. The **Parent Gym** programme is completely free to our parents. Please note that we are unable to offer places for individual sessions and places are limited.

Sessions will run on Tuesday mornings 9.00am -11.00am, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st, October, 7th, 14th November

To sign up for the programme please follow this [link](#).

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Dotchin:

parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk



TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 13th September at 6.00pm, we will be holding a virtual meeting for parents interested in transition to secondary school.

The link will be sent out on Monday.

OUR CORNERSTONE RULES



We are proud of our ambitious and knowledge-rich curriculum which is designed with our [Curriculum Cornerstone Aims](#) at the centre of all we do. Last year our Rights Respecting Ambassadors worked with children across the school to develop a Playground Charter based on our Cornerstone aims which you may have seen displayed in our playground. These values represent how we behave at Wimbledon Chase and are now our [Cornerstone Rules](#). Thank you to all of the pupils who have helped develop these rules.

NEW TERM REMINDERS - Safeguarding & Site Safety

As a reminder and for the new families that have joined our community, here are our [site entrance and exit arrangements](#) so that the school is as safe as it can be for the children and community.

- The school gates, both at the Merton Hall Road entrance and the Chase Alley entrance are opened at 7.55am and then locked at 9.00am. The afternoon times gates open at 3.00pm and close at 6.30pm.
- Parents who use Breakfast Club, should park and then walk children down the driveway to the club (please no driving onto the school site).
- Children should arrive at school in time for the 8.45am bell. However, children should not be dropped off at school early and alone as the school cannot accept liability for their safety.
- All families should remember to only enter the school through the main office entrance and only via the Merton Hall Road entrance after 9.00am and before the gates open again at 3.00pm.



- At the end of the day families should leave the school premises in a timely fashion - a bell is rung at 3.50pm to remind families to vacate the premises.
- Children are not allowed on the school play equipment before or after school as the equipment is for use only during the school day or for the after school club only. Younger children should stay with their parents whilst waiting for older siblings to come out of school.
- Children and adults should not ride bikes or scooters in the school grounds at any time.
- Now that the children are used to their new lining up positions, please can parents remain back from the class drop off points and at pick up.

Please remember that parents can choose for their children to have either a school dinner or a packed lunch (not a mixture of both). If you wish to change from packed lunch to school dinner (or the other way round) please give the office one week's notice.

Thank you for your support in this.

CLUBS/SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some clubs will be starting up next week including the different sporting clubs (please check start dates on each providers fliers on the school website). On a child's club day children should bring their sports kit in a bag to school and get changed when they get to the club (unless it is their PE day) and wear their school uniform as normal during the day.



LOST PROPERTY



We would like to remind parents the importance of naming their children's uniform (including class if possible). Every year a lot of unnamed uniform items remain unclaimed. We are very conscious of the expense of purchasing a uniform and we make every effort to reunite items with their owners. Unclaimed items are reused or donated, if their condition allows, so

please do check if all uniform is named (including any bags and coats worn to school).

There will be a **lost property table** at the end of the school day, outside the office **on the last Friday of every month and the last day of each half-term**. Any uniform not claimed by the last day of the half-term will be reused, donated or disposed of. The dates for the lost property tables this term will be **29th September, 20th October, 24th November and 21st December**. Parents and children will continue to be able to look for lost items, at any time, in the lost property box outside the dining hall.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Unfortunately we had to postpone the uniform sale after school today but we will be having regular opportunities for parents to purchase uniform as children suddenly grow! All staple pre-loved uniform items continue to be sold for the amazing price of £1 per item.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Looking Ahead...

There are many things to look forward to this term - we have put some dates on the website [here](#) as well as on the Parent App. Keep your eye out for information on our Autumn Community Day in October as well as the different trips that the year groups are organising - the year group newsletters will be sent out to you next week.

Teachers will often ask for parent volunteers for help in class or on trips. Regular volunteers will need to have a police check (called a DBS) organised through the school. If you do become a regular volunteer then Mrs Broom in the School Office can give you the relevant information.

There are parent meetings for children with IESPs on **Wednesday 11th October** and Parent Consultation Meetings on **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October**.

JEANS FOR GENES

We will be supporting the Jeans for Genes charity on Friday 22nd September. This charity supports families and raises awareness of children growing up with genetic disorders. Children will be able to come to school in their jeans and make a £1 donation towards this worthy cause.



FINALLY

If any parents are willing and interested in helping out with tidying the foliage along the front of the school, please would you inform the School Office. It would be lovely to have a team who wouldn't mind giving up a morning/afternoon to return the front to its former glory!



The school has an X (formerly 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, staff, friends and governors of the school. If your X (formerly Twitter) name is different to your family name, you will need to email the School Office to say that you have requested access to the account and tell us your X (formerly Twitter) name.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mr. K. Ellis

Headteacher