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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the new Reception and Nursery children and parents over the last few weeks now they are settling in. It was also great to see so many parents at the Meet the Teacher sessions. If you were unable to come, you can [find the slides on our Parent Support page](#) on the school website. One of our priorities for the first few weeks of term has been to help the children understand their new routines and settle into their new classes. The children have enjoyed discussing the [Cornerstone Rules](#) and working together to create a calm learning atmosphere at school.

This newsletter has a variety of important information and news which I hope is useful to you.

AUTUMN HEALTH

The Autumnal weather is also a time for coughs and colds at school. Our key messages at school are about continuing **to promote good infection prevention measures:**

- **Handwashing** is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections especially those that cause diarrhoea and/or vomiting and also respiratory infections.
- Coughs and sneezes spread diseases. **Covering the nose and mouth** when sneezing and coughing can reduce the spread of infection.
- Keeping **surfaces** and high touch points clean is another way to reduce the spread of disease.



We are also receiving **advice from Public Health** who are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school. As we all know, school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and being in school improves health and wellbeing.

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The message from Public Health is that it is **usually appropriate** for parents to send their children to school with **mild illnesses**. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

However, children should **not** be sent to school if they have a **temperature of 38°C** or above. The following **guidance** from the NHS **'Is my child too ill for school?'** is useful to help parents know when it is appropriate to keep children at home or not.

Last week you were sent information about the **flu immunisation** day on **Thursday 16th November** (Reception to Year 6). The NHS are asking you to sign the consent form online. The deadline for submitting your e-consent form is Thursday 9th November. Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu this year; this will help us know which children should receive the immunisation on the day.



You can complete the consent form by scanning the QR code with your smartphone (please ignore if you have already completed this).

UNIFORM



We are proud of our uniform at Wimbledon Chase and encourage the children to wear it with pride too. Please support them with this by ensuring that they wear the correct uniform. We allow **simple hair bands** in plain colours: **please do not wear bright colours, animal ears or oversized decorations**. Thank you.

We will be having regular uniform sales this term and you may want to note these dates in your diary:

- **Get Ready for Winter sale** : 18th October (3.30pm to 7.00pm) and 19th October (3.30pm to 6.00pm) in the lower corridor during Parent Consultation meetings
- **Winter Growth Spurt sale** : Friday 12th January 3.15pm to 4.00pm outside the dining hall
- **Mid-term sale** : February Parent Consultation meetings - dates (tbc) in the lower corridor
- **Here Comes Summer sale** : Friday 22nd March 3.15pm to 4.00pm outside the dining hall;

If you need any help with uniform please do contact Mrs Swiatek. hswiatek.315@lgflmail.org
A summary of our uniform requirements [can be found here](#).

SCHOOL PROCEDURES THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY

As the children are now familiar with their new drop off and pick up routines we are **going to resume the arrangements** that we had last year and ask parents to step back from the drop off and pick up points at the beginning and end of the day.

- Please can parents who are dropping off/picking up near the **Gym/Year 2** door area **stay behind the cones** that we will put out as a visual guide from Monday.

- Please can parents who are dropping off/picking up near the **dining hall** stay behind the **yellow line** (near the tree).

This will help ease the congestion around those points and allow staff to support children who may be struggling in the mornings as well as make it easier to spot parents picking children up in the afternoon.

- At the end of the day families should leave the school premises in a timely fashion. Please ensure that **children do not play on** any school equipment after school as the equipment is for the after school club only.
- Please **do not allow** children to **ride their scooters or bikes** on the school premises as there are often many young children around who can easily get injured.
- To remind families to vacate the premises, a hand bell is rung at 3.50pm.

ECO NEWS!



Congratulations to the whole Wimbledon Chase Primary School community for all your Eco efforts last academic year – we have achieved an **Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction!**

A big thanks to all the children and especially the Eco Reps and Eco Warriors who worked so hard on our three focus areas for 2022/23: **Waste and Recycling, Energy and Biodiversity!**

Here are some of the things Eco-Schools had to say about the children:

"They're clearly **passionate** and **impressive young people** and we're delighted that they have been given an **opportunity to make a difference** through the Eco-Schools programme, what **fantastic ambassadors for your school** and our programme. Thank you so much for submitting such a **terrific application**. We have loved reading about your journey and are **incredibly impressed** by all you have achieved.
We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction, congratulations!"

[Here is the Eco Code the children created](#) for this academic year, and we look forward to forming our 2023/24 Eco committee and launching new Eco projects shortly!

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

One of our parents, Mrs Mayhew, will be organising a **coffee and cake stall** in aid of **MacMillan Cancer Support**, next **Friday 29th September** at pick up time. You will find the stall next Friday near the dining hall and any donations should be given to Mrs Mayhew or the School Office on the Friday morning at drop off please.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY



We will be holding our **Harvest Festival** assembly on **Tuesday 3rd October**.

We donate the food to the Wimbledon Food Bank who are asking for items like UHT milk, tinned/packet soup, cereals, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, rice including microwaveable, baby shampoo, wet wipes, jam, sandwich spreads, ketchup and sauces.

Please be kind enough to **send in any donations** on **Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd**. Thank you for your support in this.

AUTUMN COMMUNITY DAY 2023

Our **Autumn Community Day** this year will be on **Saturday 7th October** between **11.00am and 3.00pm**. As a school community we are all extremely proud of our school environment and 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; even half an hour is useful (and there will be tea and coffee available!). More information will follow shortly.



PARENT MEETINGS



Parents of children with Individual Educational Support Plans [IESPs] will receive the draft IESPs on Monday 9th October with **IESP parent meetings** being held on **Wednesday 11th October** (1A, Miss Read's meetings will be on Thursday 12th October).

Parent Consultation meetings will be on **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October**.

We will contact you with information about the evenings nearer the time.

PUPIL PREMIUM

Did you know that you may be able to **help obtain additional government funding for the school** if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, which includes free school meals. We use this money to procure additional staff and resources that help improve the quality of education.



The provision of free school meals from the Mayor of London for all primary school age pupils this year, may mean that families feel that they do not need to apply for free school meals

from the government, which in turn means that the school loses valuable revenue. **If you think that your child is eligible for Pupil Premium it would benefit the school greatly to apply, (even if your child is having school lunch under the Mayor of London's scheme!).**

To find out whether your child qualifies for Pupil Premium, and if the school would receive additional funding, please [check your eligibility here](#) and fill in the details requested on the form. Alternatively [you can email Mrs Dotchin](#) and the school can run a check on your behalf. Thank you for your support.

MERTON'S BIG SPORTS DAY



Date: Sunday 24th September 2023

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Location: Canons House and Grounds, Mitcham CR4 4HD

Free to attend, no ticket required.

Merton's ambition is to become London's Borough of Sport - by creating more low-cost and free opportunities for residents to get active, by celebrating the area's sporting heritage and by investing in sport to ensure opportunity for all.

This September is the chance for all residents to get involved at the first ever borough-wide **Big Sports Day (click to see poster)** to showcase all the fantastic facilities, organisations and opportunities in Merton.

- **PRIZES:** children and young people will receive a stamp card – with prizes to be won if they complete 6 activities across the day.
- **FREE SWIMMING ALL DAY:** at the Canons Leisure Centre, alongside 30+ other free activities.
- **POP UP VELODROME:** arrive on your bike to try it out, or borrow one from the providers.
- **HEALTH SUPPORT:** Tons of public health information stalls giving out information for families and Children and Young People.
- **MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES:** Music all day with performances and demo on the stage, including the summer reading challenge prize giving!
- **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:** all activities suitable for adults too with adapted activities for those less mobile or with disabilities.

PARENTGYM TASTER SESSION



We have had a great response to our ParentGym course, but there are still a couple of places available, to sign up for the programme [please follow this link](#).

Unfortunately, **ParentGym are no longer able to offer the taster session on Thursday 26th September**, but the programme will start as planned on **Tuesday 3rd October, 9.00am**.

Please email Mrs Dotchin if you would like any further information:

parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk

JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you for your donations towards the Jeans for Genes Day which came to a total of **£551**.



OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP -BMM

BMM Sports will be running a half-term holiday camp from 23rd - 27th October.

"We are back this October Half Term with our popular Multisport camps, we received such fantastic feedback for our summer camps from Merton council and we are looking forward to welcoming back some old faces and new! We offer professional sports coaching with our experienced coaches. Sports include football, cricket, handball, rounders, athletics, basketball, netball, dodgeball and multi-skill games."



[Booking details can be found following this link.](#)

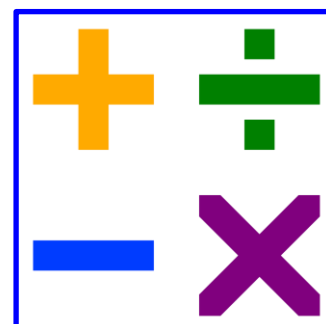
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Maths Newsletter

We love our maths at Wimbledon Chase - please find our first Maths Newsletter of the term by following this [link](#).

Education Wellbeing Service

I hope that you received information earlier this week about the **Education Wellbeing Service** who are offering evening and lunchtime parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.



You can **sign up to any of their free webinars** by [following this link](#).

Their next webinar will be **Through the School Gates- Overcoming Daily Challenges Getting into School**, running on **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th September**. See [the flyer \(here\)](#) that has the full schedule for the Autumn and Spring terms.

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our friendly in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help your child's worries or anxieties, or support their challenging or tricky behaviour, then please contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Dotchin or Mrs Adamson.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis

Headteacher

The Rights Respecting Articles we have been focusing on recently at school.



I have the right to an education.



I have the right to education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment.

Dates for your diary can also be found on the Parent App and the [school website](#).