



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are starting to get ready for Christmas here at school and the Christmas Fair and Fireworks as well as the Christmas productions are fast approaching! We have also had a busy couple of weeks; the **Share My Learning** evening was very busy with parents braving the rain to see their children's classrooms and the children loved reading the notes from parents the next day. Last Friday's Children in Need day was great fun, thank you for donating £472.10 for the charity. The School Council hosted the School Councils from West Wimbledon and Pelham Primary Schools this week (organised by Mrs Newell). It was a great opportunity for them to meet and share information about their latest projects.



## CHRISTMAS



We are all looking forward to the **Christmas Fair and Fireworks** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (3.00pm to 6.00pm)** which the Friends have been working very hard to organise. The whole afternoon will end with a spectacular fireworks display to mark the beginning of **Chase Christmas!**

We are so grateful for the support from our parent volunteers but still have lots of gaps that need to be filled for all the stalls to be able to go ahead. [Please sign up here.](#)

## CHRISTMAS FROM THE FRIENDS

**Monday at 5.00pm** is the last day to sign up for a **Hawes board** for which the school receives £15 per board and your child/ren will have the chance to win the prize of **being Headteacher for the day!** You also need to place your order to buy a **Christmas tree** by then as well.

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[Hawes board sign up](#)

[Buy your Christmas tree](#)

If the company you work for offers **Match Funding**, please email [fowccharity@gmail.com](mailto:fowccharity@gmail.com) so we can help to raise extra funds for the school. This really is the easiest way to make money without having to do anything other than sending an email to HR!

We will be releasing more tickets at **6.00pm today** for the **Dantastic Christmas Party** and the **Bubble Show** - these are the final tickets that will be available so head to the [PTA website](#) to get yours before they are sold out.

We are around every day next week, before and after school to receive any donations for the Fair and next **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** is a **non-uniform day to support the day**. Our non-uniform days are often to raise money for a charity, but in this case the day is a thank you to the children for **bringing in a Christmas Fair donation** during the week!

We are asking for the following:

- **Clean soft toys**
- **Wrap a gift items (unused gifts for adults)**
- **Bottles of mulled wine**
- **Bottles, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, for the bottle tombola**
- **Children's books**
- **no second hand toys please**

**Thank you in advance for any donations!**

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The children are busy rehearsing their **Christmas productions** to perform to you over the next few weeks. Please check the messages sent out on the Parent App this week with regards to tickets.

The dates are:

### **Phase 1 (Nursery and Reception) - The Christmas Nativity**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.20am

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm \*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.20am

### **Phase 2 (Year 1,2 and 3) - Baubles**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.20am \*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.20am

### **Phase 3 (Year 4, 5 and 6) - A Christmas Celebration**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm \*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.20am

\* **Recordings of Christmas Productions**



We have arranged for each production to be recorded. You will be able to order a USB shortly after the final production for delivery before Christmas.

**Please note that the tickets are strictly 4 tickets per family for Phase 1 and 2 tickets per family for Phase 2 and 3, this includes if you have children in the same phase. We have had to restrict the number of tickets due to health and safety for everyone attending the performance and tickets/bookings will be checked on entry.**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



You will have received details this week about our **Christmas Lunch** which will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. This is a wonderful lunchtime with music and of course turkey and all the trimmings. The children can choose a halal, vegetarian or traditional lunch (even if they normally have packed lunch). If you haven't booked and would like to then please [follow this link](#) and you can [click here for the Christmas menu](#).

## SUPPORT FOR RECENT EVENTS

As our community navigates through the tragic events of the Gaza-Israel conflict, we recognise that this challenging situation may impact families, pupils, and staff. Our primary goal is to maintain the school as a safe haven for children, fostering an environment that prioritises their wellbeing and emotional security.

In a previous letter we highlighted that the media coverage surrounding the conflict can be distressing for everyone, and that families, both directly and indirectly affected, may have concerns and questions. Children, in particular, may have come across this coverage, leading to anxiety and inquiries about the situation. [Here is the UNICEF resource](#) that is recommended to help parents address children's questions and concerns related to war or conflict.

For any families who are directly or indirectly affected by any conflict occurring in the world at the moment, please feel free to reach out to us. You can contact Mrs. Dotchin confidentially if you require assistance or have specific concerns related to your child's wellbeing.

[parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk](mailto:parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk)

## WCPS HEDGEHOGS!



The children (and staff!) were very excited in assembly this morning to hear from Mrs Hampshire all about two new members of the Wimbledon Chase community; **Spike and Bramble, the Wimbledon Chase hedgehogs**! We are so lucky to have wonderful wild areas around our school grounds and so we welcomed a rescue hedgehog, Spike, to come and live here. Spike has settled in well and was soon joined by a wild hedgehog, Bramble. For all of the information on Spike and Bramble (including the assembly), [please follow this link](#).

## FINALLY

The recent launch of the **Times Tables Rockstars** has been very popular with the children in Years 3 to 6 and the latest 'leaderboard of classes' was shared in assembly today. It is great that children have embraced this, but please be aware that we are not encouraging children to spend too much time on screens in the evenings (in case children are saying they absolutely have to stay on their screens!)



Finally, this is **Aggie Beever-Jones** who plays football for Chelsea Women. Aggie has been in the news recently as she has scored four goals in her last few games.

We shared this with the children as Aggie came to Wimbledon Chase!

Have a good weekend!



Mr. K. Ellis  
**Headteacher**

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



Every child has the right to share freely with others what they have learned, think and feel.



Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.