



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents,

**Happy New Year** to our Wimbledon Chase families! Welcome back to an exciting Spring term, including the celebration of our school's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! The staff appreciates your thoughtful gifts and wishes from last term. Your support is valued, thank you. Here's to a fantastic start and the upcoming centennial celebrations!

Look out for the **year group newsletters** next week informing you of what your child's year group will be doing this half-term.

## WINTER HEALTH

You may be aware from the news recently, of the Government's drive to increase children's attendance at school to get it back to pre-pandemic levels. This includes reassuring parents that children can come to school with **minor colds and coughs**. We spoke to the children in assembly about the importance of washing hands and other hygiene practices to keep us all healthy through the winter months.



You can read the latest [UK Health Security Agency's latest advice to parents here](#)

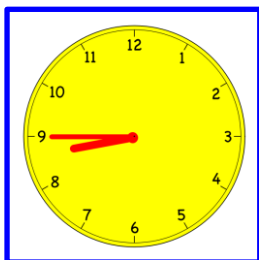
### The main advice is:

- children are encouraged to stay in education or childcare with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature).
- if a child has a fever and is unwell, they should stay home from school or nursery until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend.
- if a child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should stay off school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their symptoms clear up – this will help stop the spread of stomach bugs.

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## PUNCTUALITY



We have noticed that there have been quite a few children who are arriving after the bell goes at **8.45am**. Last term sixty children were late five times or more which can make them feel very anxious. We understand that sometimes local traffic conditions can cause late arrival, but we know children feel more settled and ready to learn if they arrive at school at the correct time.

Please do [contact Mrs Dotchin](#) if there is anything we can support you with in terms of helping your child to arrive on time for school.

## THE BIG AMBITION



[Dame Rachel De Souza](#), the [Children's Commissioner for England](#) has launched a survey called [The Big Ambition](#). The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

[The Big Ambition survey](#) will be open until [Friday 19th January](#) and adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged 0 to 18 years old.

[If you would like your child to complete the survey then please follow this link.](#)

## AFC WIMBLEDON WOMEN - TICKETS

[AFC Wimbledon Women: Join the team and watch some fantastic football at Plough Lane.](#)

We are very fortunate to offer Wimbledon Chase families an exciting opportunity to [watch AFC Wimbledon Women at Plough Lane](#). The Women's team are currently on top of the table in their respective league and currently fighting for both promotion and cup glory this season! With two big matches coming up for the team, complimentary tickets are being offered by Nimesh Patel (parent at Wimbledon Chase)



and better known as GK Nemo who is one of the goal keeping coaches for the team along with being the lead goal keeping coach for Dundonald Utd.

#### Dates for your diary:

**21<sup>st</sup> January – KO 14:00: Capital Cup, AFC Wimbledon Women vs Charlton Athletic**

**4<sup>th</sup> February – KO 14:00: FAWNL, AFC Wimbledon Women vs Cambridge Utd**

#### How to book:



Simply email [Nimesh @hotmail.com](mailto:Nimesh@hotmail.com) by **19<sup>th</sup> January** with the following information:

- State which game (or both) you would like tickets for
- Confirm the number of adults and children (under 18s) tickets required

*Faye Baker (GK) and GK Nemo*

### BMM HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

You may already be thinking ahead to the February half-term holidays! **BMM** will be returning this half-term to run their holiday camp. [Please follow this link for more details.](#)



### OUR 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!



The school is very excited about our **100<sup>th</sup> birthday** this term on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March!**

We will be organising exciting events during our birthday week (including a fantastic art exhibition) and we are looking forward to celebrating with the whole community. Watch this space for more information!

### FINALLY

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our **pre-loved uniform sale** after school today was very well attended. There will be future uniform sales throughout the year (the next one will be on the Parent Consultation days), but you can always contact the School Office if you would like some help with pre-loved uniforms.

Please remember that **children should wear the full school uniform** apart from on their PE days. This includes the correct school trousers/skirt and shoes. [Please follow this link to our uniform information page on the website.](#)

### INSET DAYS 2024-2025

The **term dates for 2024-2025** can [be found here](#) including the INSET days (there are two INSET days to be confirmed).



The **confirmed INSET Days** for next academic year so far are:

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - School starts **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

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

Particular dates to note are:

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - IESP Meetings**
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - INSET Day (school closed)**
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Parent Consultation Meetings**

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mr. K. Ellis  
**Headteacher**

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