



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We seem to be racing through the Spring half-term and despite many coughs and colds the children are being very positive and enjoying their Spring Term topics.

The Nursery children have been enjoying playing on their lovely new playground climbing equipment.

Thank you to the Friends for funding this for the school.



## CHAIR OF GOVERNORS - Kunal Patel



I hope that you received the letter sent out today about the Chair of Governors role at Wimbledon Chase from Tom Jeans, our outgoing Chair and Kunal Patel, our new Chair of Governors.

Huge thanks go to Tom Jeans for his time as the Chair of Governors. He has been a tremendously passionate supporter and advocate of the school and we are grateful for how he has successfully led our Governing Body and spent countless hours working to support the school.

Welcome to Kunal Patel our new Chair; the staff are looking forward to working with him and I already know that as a former Wimbledon Chase pupil, he will be just as passionate and supportive of the school. You can read the letter sent out today [here](#).

## INSET DAYS

Looking ahead to the next academic year, please note in your diaries that the first two scheduled days back will be staff **INSET days** on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**.

Dates for the Diary:

The Autumn term 2024 will start on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** for most children (Nursery & Reception dates to be confirmed).

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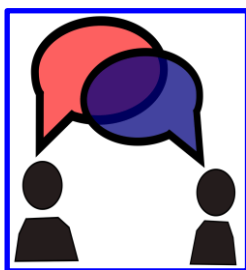
## OUR 100th BIRTHDAY!

As you know, the school is very excited about our **100<sup>th</sup> birthday** this term on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be telling you about the exciting events that we are organising soon!

You should have received information about our [design-a-flag competition](#) earlier this week. The children are invited to design a flag (at home) to commemorate our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Three winners will then be chosen and their designs will be made into real flags to be flown on our flag pole throughout our birthday year. The templates for the flag will be given to the children at school to take home. The deadline for the competition is next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.



## PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS



We will be holding the forthcoming **IESP meetings** on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. 3A meetings will take place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**.

If your child has an IESP (this includes children with an EHCP) then you will be able to make your appointment via our online booking system from **next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm** (booking information to follow).

**Parent Consultation meetings** will be after half-term on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** (3.30pm – 7.30pm) and **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** (3.30pm - 6.30pm).

You will be able to book these meetings from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm** (booking information to follow).

## ECO NEWS: ENERGY MATTERS!



On Wednesday last week, **The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE)** came to Wimbledon Chase to do workshops with Years 1, 3 and 5 about energy and climate change and talked to us about what energy is, where it comes from and why **ENERGY MATTERS!**

They also met with Eco Reps in Years 2, 4 and 6 and with the teachers after school which all links with our **WCPS Cornerstone, COMMUNITY**.

We shared what we had learnt, and how we can have an impact, in last week's whole school assembly. More information to follow in our Spring **Eco Newsletter!**

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

**Safer Internet Day** is coming up on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** and we will be discussing online safety with the children in class and in assemblies.

We realise that parents often have to increasingly deal with online safety with their children nowadays and that children are often tempted to sign up for games, online Apps or Websites that are aimed at older children.

We have many resources to support parents with this on our [Online Safety](#) page on the school website including resources that can show you the recommended ages for many games.



There are also some slides for parents from Mrs Nekoo Sankey, our Computing lead, with advice on helping children with their online safety at home.

## MATHS NEWSLETTER & TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



In the latest [Maths Newsletter \(here\)](#) you can read about a calculation strategy, try solving a mathematical challenge or read about some recommendations on books to do with maths.

After the successful launch of [Times Table Rockstars](#) last term, the children have been invited to take part in this term's competition!

Please keep encouraging your children to play! For more advice on how to use the Rockstars website, [please see the Parent Support Pack](#) on our school website under the '[Mathematics](#)' tab. Also, keep your eyes out for a new, one-day competition launching in February to support the NSPCC. More information on that soon!

## MERTON LIVE!

[Merton Live!](#) is a wonderful family event at New Wimbledon Theatre on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** and everyone is invited to come along.

This annual event is raising money for community charity Wimbledon Guild which offers practical help and support to people across Merton, so they don't have to face life's challenges alone. For full details, please click [here](#).



## 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.](#)

## FINALLY

If you are looking for something to do this weekend then you may well be interested in the [RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch!](#) It is on this weekend, both Saturday and Sunday and can be done from your own garden or a local park.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis

**Headteacher**



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ALL children.

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