



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to meet with you this term to discuss your child's progress and thank you for all your support. The children had a great spring one and we are very pleased at how well they are doing. We have been writing in the style of a poet and performing our poems to each other; we have been very impressed with the children's prosody when reciting their poem.

**Communication with parents** - Please continue to use emails to promote home-school links. If you have any news about your child, concerns, appointments or exciting achievements, please email me at the following address: [j.baines@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk](mailto:j.baines@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk)

**Arriving and leaving school grounds** - Arrival and drop off are as normal. Please use the entrance by the school dining hall. Just to remind you that the school day is now 8.50am – 3.25pm. Please ensure your child arrives no earlier than 8.45am as there is not always adult supervision.

**Zones of Regulation** - Every day the children will continue to share how they are feeling using the 'zones of regulation' emotions vocabulary. This is a great activity which continues to help the children to settle and express how they were feeling before starting their lessons. They will continue to use the stem sentence, "I am feeling ..... because ....." Then the children ask the next person, "xxxx how are you feeling today?" The children are also encouraged to share what they have heard - what someone else is feeling - in order to develop their listening skills.

**Cooking** - Cooking will continue to take place on alternate Thursdays. Last term we made a range of sweet and savory dishes. Please encourage your child to talk about what they have made during cooking at home. Thank you!

**Gardening** – This half term we will resume gardening club, which will take place on Fridays. The children loved clearing weeds and turning over the soil last year. Please could your child bring wellingtons to school on Fridays or leave a pair of wellingtons in school (if you have a spare pair). In addition, if you have any wellingtons that you no longer need because your child has grown out of them - please could we have them to keep in school for those children who do not have wellingtons - thank you.

**PE** - Study PE will take place on Wednesdays with the ARP. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. The children will continue to take part in their Games/PE lessons with their mainstream class. The children will also have an OT session on a Friday morning; the children can wear their PE kit for this.

**Reading** - We ask that you try to read with them as often as possible and extend their learning by asking questions about what they have read. The text could be a comic, newspaper, book, set of instructions for a game or anything that involves reading as part of their life experience. We read with each child daily and keep our own reading record in school. Please can you remind the children to check that they have packed their reading book and record in their school bag after they have read at home – thank you.

**Trips** - We plan to take the children on local trips to enhance their classroom based learning and life skills. We plan on visiting a local shop or café this half term, so the children can apply their 'money' skills. We will always contact you via email to let you know what we will be doing. Please look out for our emails.

**Speech and Language Therapist** - Louisa O'Meara is in school to work with the children in the ARP. If you would like to come in to observe a speech therapy session or if you have any questions or queries you can email her at [louisa.omeara@merton.gov.uk](mailto:louisa.omeara@merton.gov.uk)

**Water Bottles and Snacks** - Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school every day. We are encouraging the children to bring reusable water bottles - rather than disposable - as part of our joint responsibility to look after our world. If your child brings a snack - please can it be a healthy snack, as we are a 'Healthy School'. Please ensure these do not contain nuts. We also provide fruit.

**Home Learning** - Please encourage your child to access Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed (EdShed) as well as the homework. The children have individual spellings set up on EdShed. Thank you for your support.

We appreciate and thank you in advance for your support and encouragement that you give your child. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working together with you this year.

Kind regards,  
The Study Team