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Dear Parents,

We are all very excited here at school as our fabulous new playground called **The Friends Area** is finished! Today, classes have been coming down to enjoy and investigate the new space and are very proud of their new area. The Friends Area is a calm space for children to use at play times, where they can sit with their friends, play games, read books, tell stories or simply chat. It will also be a really valuable teaching area for teachers to use with their classes throughout the year. We, of course, could not have been able to have such a lovely resource without your support through all of the **fantastic Friends' events** that you have contributed towards; Thank You.



MOVE AND GROOVE PROJECT

For a number of years, we have been involved with a project called **Move and Groove**. This is a music and movement project over the term, between **Kew House Residential Home** and staff and children at Wimbledon Chase. The project involves music making and movement activities to encourage socialisation and creativity between generations.

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This week some of our children went to Kew House with Mrs Burnett and Mrs Kostikidou to sing to (and with) the residents. Their singing was really well received (it was beautiful!) and a good time was enjoyed by all.



WIMBLEDON TENNIS FAMILY BALLOT 2024



Launched in 2023, the **Wimbledon Family Ballot** is working to increase access and provide more children, young people and families in Merton and Wandsworth with the chance to enjoy **The Championships**.

As a selected local school, we are delighted to share that you're eligible to participate in the Wimbledon Family Ballot this summer term.

Entering the Family Ballot means that families can apply to purchase tickets for family groups (up to groups of 5) and enjoy world-class tennis on the No.1 Court. This is a unique opportunity, as guests are typically limited to two tickets per household.

To apply for tickets to attend The Championships please follow this link:
<https://familyballot.wimbledon.com/>

- You will then need to sign up to MyWimbledon and then you will be eligible to apply for tickets.
- Successful families will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for No.1 Court on Finals Weekend (Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July).
- Each ticket will be £50 in price. Unfortunately, ballot entry does not guarantee tickets.
- The initiative is designed to help more children to enjoy The Championships, so children (aged 5-16) must be part of the visiting group.

The Wimbledon Family Ballot 2024 will close this coming Monday 13th May at 11.59pm

GARDENING CLUB AND HEDGEHOG AWARENESS WEEK!



A huge thanks to Ava and Leo in Year 2 and their Mum and Dad, who generously bought a lovely shiny, much-needed gardening fork for **Gardening Club**.

The whole York-Muthu family come to every Community Day and work really hard, helping improve our school grounds. Thank you to all of the families that came to our recent Community Day as well.

You may be interested to know that this week has been **Hedgehog Awareness Week!** You may remember that we have some Wimbledon Chase hedgehogs, **Spike and Bramble!** We have recently spotted Spike on our 'hedgehog cam', looking very healthy. He obviously benefited from being well fed going into winter hibernation and is up and about enjoying all the things to eat out in the Wildlife area! We are sure that Bramble is healthy too, but waiting for her to make an appearance on 'hedgehog cam'!



DATES FOR THE DIARY



We continue to update the **dates** list on the [school website](#) as well as on the Parent App. You can also see some key dates below. Please remember that we will be having a **whole school photograph** on **Monday 10th June** which will be a lovely memento of the children who were at Wimbledon Chase in its 100th year.

We will send more information nearer the time about what uniform to wear and details on how to purchase a copy.

May	
Monday 13th	Y6 SATS Week
Tuesday 14th	Y6 Isle of Wight meeting in the hall - 2.45pm (optional)
Wednesday 15th	Y5 French Trip meeting in the hall – 7.00pm
Monday 20th	Y6 Residential - Isle of Wight Y6 Activity week
Friday 24th	End of Summer 1 term – 3.20pm/3.30pm finish

June	
Monday 3rd	INSET DAY (school closed)
	Y5 Residential French Trip Y5 Activity week
Tuesday 4th	Start of Summer 2 term
Monday 10th	Whole School Photograph
Friday 14th	Non-uniform day for Family Day
Saturday 15th	Family Day 2.00 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 19th	Class photos
Monday 24th	Healthy Schools Week
	Key Stage 1 Sports Day Y1 and Y2 - 9.15 - 10.30am Reception - 10.45am – 12.00pm
Thursday 27th	Key Stage 2 Sports Day Y3 and Y4 - 9.15 - 10.30am Y5 and Y6 - 11.00am - 12.30pm

July	
Tuesday 2nd	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 3rd	Reception – Bocketts Farm
Thursday 4th	Share My Learning Reception to Y6 - 3.45 - 7.00pm
Friday 5th	INSET DAY (school closed)
Tuesday 9th	Y2 – Look Out Discovery Centre
Wednesday 10th	Reception Creepy Crawly Concert 9.10am in the hall
	Reception to Y1 Transition meeting in the dining hall (follows Creepy Crawly Concert)
Tuesday 23rd	Nursery last day
Wednesday 24th	End of Summer term 2 –1.30pm finish
	Wimbledon Chase Club 4.30pm finish

FINALLY



BMM's Holiday Camp will be running again this May half-term break (28th May – 31st May 9.00am – 4.00pm) [details can be found here.](#)

We reminded the children today that they should not play on the play climbing equipment before or after school (nor climb on top of the Towers tunnel) and that they are not allowed in the Spinney (the wooded area over by Mr Canham's house) for safety reasons.

Year 6 have **SATs** next week and have been very calm and diligent in the lead up to them. After that they will be either off to the Isle of Wight before half-term or having an exciting activity week at school. I am lucky enough to be accompanying the Isle of Wight trip for a few days, leaving school business in the capable hands of Mrs Burnett, Mrs Newell, Mrs Adamson and Mrs Ruffle.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis
Headteacher

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