



WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Wimbledon Chase Primary School and welcome back to those who have returned to the Nursery. We hope you have all had a lovely Summer and are ready for a fantastic term of learning.



Nursery staff

Nursery Lead and class teacher for Butterflies: Mrs Scott

Senior Early Years Practitioner and room leader for Ladybirds: Miss Hickling

Early Years Practitioners: Miss Pearce and Miss Clarke

Nursery Teaching Assistant: Natacha

Intervention Lead: Mrs Cousins

Topic

Our main topic this term is '**Marvellous me!**' We will be focussing on exploring our interests, getting to know the routines of Nursery and building new friendships. Throughout this half term we will be encouraging the children to focus on developing a range of skills during child-initiated play and adult-led learning. The table below outlines some of our expectations this term:

Curriculum Overview for this half term

Physical development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Explore new climbing equipment● Move in different ways (outside and during PE in the gym)● Use the Nursery toilets and attempt to redress independently
Communication and language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Listen to adults reading stories● Identify familiar sounds● Respond to simple instructions e.g. to put their coat on● Use words and sentences to express ourselves to adults and peers
Personal, social and emotional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Separate confidently from carers at the beginning of the Nursery session● Begin to form friendships● Understand and follow the routines of Nursery
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recite numbers to 5 and begin to recognise the numerals for each

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use language of quantities (more/less) to describe groups of objects ● Use language of size to describe different objects
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Join in with Nursery rhymes and familiar stories ● Begin to give meaning to marks (painting, drawing, printing...) ● Show an interest in books and explore them independently

Daily 'jobs'

The children have a few 'jobs' to do when they arrive at Nursery. Please encourage them to be as independent with these as possible:

- Place their lunch box on the trolley outside
- Place their water bottle in the troggs just inside the nursery entrance
- Find their peg and hang their coat up

Everyday items

Please remember to send your child with the following everyday:

- A water bottle
- 2 changes of clothes in a bag (which can stay at nursery)
- Weather appropriate clothing (e.g. sun hats, coats, woolly hats)
- A packed lunch (30 hours children only) with no nuts or nut based products

Please remember to label all 'removable' items such as jumpers, coats & hats as they are often misplaced by the children and it helps us to return them to the correct owner!

Routines:

Each day the timetable has been carefully planned to ensure that the children receive a rich and diverse curriculum. A copy of our timetable is available upon request and an overview of the planned weekly activities will be displayed outside the Butterfly classroom.

Each child has an allocated key worker. The adults work across both rooms and your child will be working with every adult throughout the week, not just their key worker. Therefore, you will find that your child's key worker will not always be in their drop off room. We encourage the children to build relationships with all the adults, so whoever is available at drop off will be a familiar face for your child.

You will receive a message shortly confirming who your child's key worker will be.

A reminder that we operate an 'open door' policy for communication, so we encourage you to **share any questions or information** as you drop off and pick up. If there is something you would like to discuss in more detail please organise a meeting with your child's key worker.

If you have not already activated your 'Reach More Parents app' (Weduc) account please see the activation email, sent to your inbox. Any forms to return to school, please hand them over to the class teacher.

You will shortly receive details to activate a tapestry account. This is where you can access additional information regarding your child's learning. Every half term, we will upload photos and observations of your child to read and enjoy.

Reminders

Drop off

A reminder that drop-off time is **08.30** for the morning and 30 hour session. Please ensure you arrive at Nursery for this time. **Our register closes promptly at 8:45, any child arriving after this time will be marked late.** If you arrive after 8:45 you will need to enter via the school office.

AM pick up at 11:30 - please use the black gates on Chase alley. Buzz to be let in. **Code #2017** will need to be used to leave via the black gate (this code will change half termly and will be communicated to you).

PM drop off at 12:30 - please use the black gates on Chase alley. Buzz to be let in. **Code #2017** will need to be used to leave via the black gate (this code will change half termly and will be communicated to you).

Pick up

Please wait along the fence until you hear your child's name being called.

If your child is being picked up by a different adult from usual, please tell the class teacher at the beginning of the day and post a picture of them on Tapestry or email the school office during the day. We are unable to release children to unfamiliar adults without parent consent.

Please remember that children and parents must not enter the school premises before their allotted time. For health and safety reasons, no children, including siblings are allowed to play or climb on the equipment at the beginning or the end of the day.

Please regularly check the parent notice board located just inside the main Nursery gate for the most up-to-date information about what is happening in Nursery. You should have received a list of term dates in your welcome pack; a copy of this list is also available on the notice board and the school website. Important Nursery dates for this term are as follows:

- **Monday 23rd September:** Please send in a family photo that we can display in the classroom
- **Wednesday 25th September:** Class Rep welcome meeting 9.00am in the school hall
- **Tuesday 1st October:** Harvest festival (food can be donated to the foodbank via the Nursery team)
- **Thursday 3rd October:** National Poetry day
- **Thursday 17th October & Friday 18th October:** Individual & sibling photos
- **Thursday 17th October:** Nursery Sponsored event (further information to follow)
- **Wednesday 23rd October & Thursday 24th:** Parent consultations 3:30pm-7pm; 3:30 - 6pm (further information to follow regarding parent consultations)
- **Friday 25th October:** Break up for half term
- **Monday 28th – Friday 1st November:** Half term
- **Monday 4th November:** Children return to Nursery

Class Reps

Thank you to Anna (Juliet's mum) who has offered to be this year's parent rep for Nursery. If any other parents are interested in joining her for this role, please let a member of staff. The role will be to keep everyone informed of messages from the Nursery team; upcoming events; passing on your messages and hopefully organising some nights out for you to attend. If you haven't already shared your phone number with a member of the Nursery staff for the WhatsApp group, please see a member of the team.

Donations

Please send in any clean recyclable boxes and containers that you have so we can use them to make models with. Please see a member of staff if you are able to dedicate any time or resources to revamp the garden. Please send in a box of tissues too.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Nursery team.

Kind regards,

Mrs Scott, Miss Hickling, Miss Pearce & Miss Clarke