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Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a busy half-term...

I can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown. This half-term has been filled with hard work and plenty of smiles from the children, who have embraced their learning with enthusiasm. It's been wonderful to watch them settle into their new year groups, growing in confidence and skills along the way.

Our children have also been incredibly positive about our [school values](#) and the [Cornerstone rules](#). I hope that your children are coming home and sharing all about the Wimbledon Chase Way with you!

FRIENDS



It was a pleasure to attend the **Friends' AGM** last Thursday and thank you to those of you who showed interest in supporting and joining the Friends.

As you know, the **Friends** (our Parent, Teacher Association) are an incredibly important part of the Wimbledon Chase community. The Committee and all of its supporters work extremely hard to organise brilliant community events that raise essential funds for the school but also act as an equally important something that allows the community to come together.

The AGM saw a change of guard with a new committee elected in.

I am sure that you will join me in saying **thank you** to the Friends' Committee who have been with us over the last few years (Mrs Attley, Mrs Legg, Mrs Gilchrist and Mrs McAlister) and their team; they have been so committed, creative and have put in many hours to organise the great events that we have had over the last few years. We will miss them, but know that they will be around to support the new committee.

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Thank you also to the [new committee](#) for stepping up to carry on the Friends' great work, the school cannot wait to start working with you. Welcome then to Mrs Gould (Chair), Mr Sutherland (Vice Chair), Miss Niazmand (Treasurer) and Miss Corso (Secretary).

The first date in the diary to note is the [Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November!](#)

CHRISTMAS!

Talking of the Christmas Fair, It may feel too early to mention but Christmas is coming!

Love in a Box

As in previous years, we are supporting the 'Love in a Box' appeal which provides a small box of Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in countries facing challenges at this time of year. Love in a Box leaflets were sent home to you this week and the children have talked about Love in a Box in assembly.



YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

I am sure that [Year 6 parents](#) have made decisions about [applying](#) for secondary schools for their children for next year. If you do need help, please see the [Merton website](#) for advice as well as the information [that we have on our website](#). [The deadline is Thursday 31st October.](#)



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
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COUNTS.**

As many of you will know, new [attendance guidelines](#) from the Department for Education (DfE) have been introduced, and we recently sent a letter to parents outlining these changes. This has resulted in a new [attendance policy](#), which is now available on our website. One key aspect of the guidelines is [ensuring that parents are regularly informed of their child's attendance.](#)

To make this process easier, we will be using the [Parent App](#). Parents can view their child's attendance by clicking the button that looks like three people at the bottom of the app, then selecting "Attendance". The app will display the attendance as a percentage and indicate whether any absences have been due to medical appointments, illness, or other reasons. It will also show punctuality records.

We hope you find this feature useful! As always, this is a new system, so there may be a few teething problems along the way, but we appreciate your patience as we roll it out.

PARENT GYM

We are excited to be able to offer the **Parent Gym Programme**, a well-established six-week program designed to provide practical tips and strategies that make family life easier and help your children thrive. This program has been very popular among our parents.

All parents are welcome to apply, but please note that places are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Parent Gym program is completely free for our parents, but we are unable to offer places for individual sessions, and places are limited.

Sessions will run on Monday mornings 9am - 11am: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November and 2nd, 9th December

To sign up for the programme please follow this link [here](#).

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Dotchin:
parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk



IESP MEETINGS & PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS



It was lovely to see so many parents at the **IESP Parents' Meetings** this week, and the teachers thoroughly enjoyed discussing the children's learning.

PARENT MEETING



We always welcome **feedback** from these events, so if you would like to share any thoughts, please [follow this link](#).

You should have already received the booking details for next week's **Parent Consultation Meetings**. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group and talk about how parents can support at home. We'll also discuss any support being provided at school and outline the next steps for your child's learning.

The meetings will be held in the hall (except for Nursery, Year 1, Study and Ark). Teachers will have examples of your child's English and Maths work to help guide the discussion about their next steps.

Please also don't forget about the **Share My Learning** evening on **Thursday 14th November (3.45pm - 7.00pm)**. This will be a great opportunity for you and your child to explore their learning this term and see their learning environment.

UNIFORM SALE AND LOST PROPERTY

We will hold a **uniform sale** at next week's Parent Consultation Meetings on Wednesday 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Thursday 3.30pm to 6.00pm. The sale will close half an hour before the end of the consultation session.

Lost property: we do get a great deal of lost property that has not been named. Please can you check that all items of uniform are fully named and labelled clearly with the correct class (it may take more time to get lost property returned if the item has last year's class or a sibling's name in the label).

There will be a **final lost property table** on **Friday 25th October**, after this date any unnamed lost property will be disposed of being recycled or reused as much as possible.

DLD (DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER)

Developmental Language Disorder is a diagnosis given when a child or adult has difficulties talking and/or understanding language and can affect on average 2 pupils in every class. At Wimbledon Chase we are very proud of our Speech and Language ARP and of our [ICan](#) speech and language accreditation.



Today was DLD Awareness Day and to support this at school we will be having a **No Pens Day on Friday 25th October** with all of our learning completed in a different way! [Please follow this link for more information on DLD.](#)

EVENTS

Our latest dates for the term can be [found on our website](#) (as well as in the Calendar on the Parent App) and here are some reminders below.

Forthcoming events include:

- **Parent Workshops**

Tuesday 12th November: Helping Children with Big Emotions - 7.30pm (Dr Kelly Lewis-Cole: online)

Wednesday 13th November at 2.30pm and Thursday 14th November at 9.00am: Developing the Life-Long Reader (Reception Parent Workshop - Phonics and Comprehension)

Wednesday 13th November: Phonics and Early Reading Workshop (Years 1, 2 and ARP Parents) 9.00am

Thursday 14th November: Zones of Regulation Workshop for parents (supporting your child's self-regulation and emotional control) 1.30pm (Dr Kelly Lewis-Cole: online)

Thursday 14th November: Understanding Your Child's Emotions: Workshop for Nursery parents

- **Christmas Productions**

Phase 1: Tuesday 3rd December at 9.20am, Wednesday 4th December at 2.00pm and Thursday 5th December at 9.20am.

Phase 2: Tuesday 3rd December at 2.00pm, Wednesday 4th December at 9.20am and Friday 6th December at 9.20am.

Phase 3: Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm, Thursday 12th December at 6.00pm and Friday 13th December at 9.20am.

- **Other Events**

Thursday 14th November: **Share My Learning Evening** 3.45pm – 7.00pm

Friday 15th November **Non-uniform day for Children in Need**

We will send out information on how to sign up for these events on the Parent App.

FINALLY

*Thank you
Wimbledon Chase Primary School*



We received a lovely letter from **Wimbledon Foodbank** this week thanking you for your generosity for our **Harvest** collection. [Please follow this link](#) to see how your donations are used. Thank you also for your generosity in supporting the **WCPS Foodbank**, established by our **Rights Respecting Ambassadors**. If you wish to contribute to this foodbank, please drop any donation into the School Office reception area.

Mobile phones

A quick reminder regarding mobile phones; please remember that children should have **permission** given by the school to have mobile phones at school and then should hand their mobiles into their class teacher each day.

They must also follow the [Pupil Mobile Phone Policy](#) (only to use once off the school site amongst other conditions).

To seek permission for your child to have a mobile phone at school (and really this would only be for Years 5 or 6 who might walk home on their own) [please complete this Google form](#).

Front gates

I mentioned a while ago that we will be having **new gates installed at the Merton Hall Road entrance** to the school to increase the security of the site. We believe that this work may start over the half-term! Watch this space.

Have a good weekend. School ends for the **half-term break next Friday 25th October** with the children returning to school on **Monday 4th November**.

Best wishes

Mr. K. Ellis
Headteacher

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A Rights are for ALL children. UNIVERSAL	B Rights are there at BIRTH. INHERENT	C Rights CANNOT be taken away. INALIENABLE	D Rights DO NOT have to be earned. UNCONDITIONAL	E All rights are EQUALLY important. INDIVISIBLE
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