



21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Families,

### Gather to Give

Thank you for all your kind food donations to our Gather to Give table. The table is brimming with contributions that Wimbledon Foodbank will be grateful for. Wimbledon Foodbank will be coming to speak to the children about where the food donations will be going and how it will be helpful for families in the community.



### WINNER'S WEDNESDAY

The classes that have achieved 94% or above attendance on the Friday, have now enjoyed their in-class Pizza Party. Well done to Potter Class and Beckham Class who have won the Pizza Party over the last couple of weeks.



### Our cultural calendar celebration-Navratri

The children in our Nursery and Reception enjoyed welcoming their families into school to Celebrate our first Cultural Calendar event, Navratri. The children enjoyed performing the Dandiya dance and engaging in various craft activities. Thank you to all who attended and made this event extra special.



### Extra-curricular activities

All external clubs have now come to an end for this half term. Boxing, Football and Gymnastics will resume the week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> November.



Staff led clubs will continue this week. These clubs are Years 1 and 2 Dance club, Choir and Gardening club.

### School Educational Visits and trips

We enjoy providing a range of opportunities outside of the school environment by going on various visits throughout the year. It is important for families to contribute to the cost of these trips so that they can continue to be planned for. If we are unable to receive contributions from families, then this may sadly result in trips no longer being able to take place. The children in Year 1 are looking forward to visiting The London Eye, after half term, Year 6 will be off to The Clink Museum on Friday and Year 3 have the very exciting Chocolate Workshop this week. I look forward to sharing some photographs in the next Bulletin.

Class	Percentage %
Holmes AM	96%
Holmes Full Time	100%
Beckham	99%
Kingsley	95%
Potter	97%
Mozart	96%
Luther King	93%
Farah	94%
Presley	97%
Attenborough	91%
Monet	98%
Gates	95%

### Why attending school is so important

As you will all be aware, every child's attendance is tracked very carefully and we do this because our job is to make sure that your child receives the education that they deserve. We know and can see that if a child misses more than 4% of school a year, they will not reach the educational standard expected of them and their attitude to school is at risk of becoming negative and challenging.

We have noticed that having focussed on attendance on a Friday has made a direct impact on having a greater number of children at school, Monday is now a day where absence is increasing.

We can see that children quite often come to school on a Monday very tired, which means that that the children are having far too many late nights and are not ready for a very full day at school. We are committed to planning excellent experiences for your child so we need you to work in partnership to bring them to school. We will be contacting families whose child's attendance is of concern to us to offer support and share our expectation. Thank you.

### Key Dates

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of half term. School finishes at the usual time of 2.30 pm. Nursery continues to finish at 3.30 pm.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – First day back after half term

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – PAR meetings in the evening

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – PAR meetings. School is closed for the children.

**Mrs Bull and Miss Akhtar**

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