



10 January 2019

Dear Parents

May 2019 be a bright and rewarding year for all at Dolphin School

Happy New Year! It was a pleasure to welcome back the children on Wednesday. They were keen to share the highlights of their holidays but also to jump in to the new term's work, with enthusiasm.

Thank you for the kind words, cards and gifts received by the staff at Christmas. All were much appreciated. Staff and children are now eagerly anticipating the term ahead and all the delights in store.

As we start the new term, on a practical note may I ask that parents ensure the school has two up-to-date emergency contacts for each child. Also, a reminder that school uniform stipulates that if the children are wearing hats, gloves and scarves these must be navy. In this chilly weather these items are certainly advised. As you know, all children go out to play and so need warm attire to combat the cold. They do not stay inside school at break because of a slight sniffle or lack of warm outdoor wear, so please make sure your children come to school with all they need to enjoy outdoor playtimes.

Christmas Fair

Thank you very much for the great array of gifts donated for the POD Christmas Fair which made **£1002.03**.

The children were so excited to be choosing gifts for their families, and hopefully the lucky gift recipients were equally thrilled to get such lovely, hand-picked presents.

The support of the POD parents who wrapped and sorted the gifts was hugely appreciated.

Heathy Eating

The Healthy Eating guidelines are attached for your perusal. We **do not** allow **nuts** of any sort, as we have children with extreme nut allergies. Thank you for your support in adhering to this requirement.

Family Night

On Friday 18 January from 18:00 – 19.30 each child in Lower School is invited to bring ONE special guest for Family Night (father, mother, grandparent, godparent). The first half of the event is spent making something together in class, and then adults are welcome to come to the hall for refreshments and to mingle, while the children are looked after in their classes with their own refreshments.

Film Nights

One of the many delights of the Spring Term is our 'Film Night' series. As with previous years, there will be one film for the Upper School (23 January) and one for the Lower School (30 January). Pupils are invited to come up to the Hall at dismissal to watch one of our heart-warming selections. The experience includes popcorn with a short break for pizza. Children can be collected after the film from the Staff Door.

Please complete the sign-up link below if you wish your child to attend. Note that space is limited to 40 places each night. Allocation of places will be on a first come, first served basis, and can be reserved on-line. For the Upper School, please go to

<https://goo.gl/forms/QNQ60VyTyPTwN2n53>

For the Lower School, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/pjk3gCTO1PJKP5On1>

The cost for this event will be £5 which can be paid at the office or by BACS transfer into the usual account.

Details:

January 23	Upper School Film Night	Mr Popper's Penguins	15:45 – 18:00
January 30	Lower School Film Night	Ferdinand	15:30 – 17:45

*Pupils should bring their water bottles as drinks will not be provided.

Reminder – Gum shields

This term Years 3-6 will be playing hockey and the children will need a gum shield to participate. Junior gum shields can be bought from Sports Direct online or in store.

New dates for popping into Lower School classrooms at 08.30 on Fridays Lower school 'pop-ins' begin next Friday

Friday 18 January	-	Reception and Y1EM
Friday 25 January	-	Reception and Y1KH
Friday 1 February	-	Reception and Y2KV
Friday 8 February	-	Reception and Y2CB
Friday 1 March	-	Reception and Y1EM
Friday 8 March	-	Reception and Y1KH
Friday 15 March	-	Reception and Y2KV
Friday 22 March	-	Reception and Y2CB

Assembly

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11:15. We will be celebrating all outstanding birthdays following our Christmas break.

Friday

Parents' prayers will be held as usual at 8:50. If you are joining us for this you are asked to sign in at the office first before making your way to the Music Room.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal

Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Friday 11 January	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 11 January	Assembly	11:15	Church
Friday 18 January	Family Night (Lower School)	18:00 – 19:30	School
Friday 18 January	Y5/Y6 Girls' Hockey v Oakfield	13:30- 15:30	Ferndale
Wednesday 23 January	Upper School Film Night	15:45 – 18:00	Hall
Wednesday 30 January	Lower School Film Night	15:30 – 17:45	Hall