



17 January 2019

Dear Parents

The children have only been back in school for a week but enriching learning is already in full swing. Visitors of a very different form came into school on Wednesday. Reception pupils were enthralled to meet them and to extend their own learning in such a “hands on” manner. The photographs say it all!

### Reception Diamonds – Animal Experience

In Reception this week we had some very exciting visitors! Pygmy hedgehogs, lizards, meerkats and a huge royal python. We found out how they move, what they like to eat (thankfully not little children...) and we even got to stroke and hold them all. As you can see from the photos we loved every minute of the experience.







### **Year 4 Emeralds – Science**

Year 4 have been using scientific methods to actively investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases this past week. They identified which could flow, which could retain their size or shape and which of these states of matter could be compressed – when squeezed with all the energy that a wee Year Four pupil can muster! Today, they've extended their investigations to identify the properties of sand and cornflour, resulting in some fascinating observations and a very dusty looking science lab. Well done Year 4 - keep wondering!



### **Film Night and Wednesday Clubs collection changes**

Our Film Nights have been very popular this year with record numbers of pupils signing up to both the Upper and Lower school events! Upper School Film Night on Wednesday 23 January will be held in the church. Therefore, the collection arrangements for children attending clubs and film night will be as follows:

Club/Group	Collection Door	Time
Clay Club	Staff Door	16.45
Gymnastics	Gate	16:45
Football	Gate	16.45
US Film Night	Northcote Door	18.00

\*If you have not yet paid for your child's place at the film night, please do that as soon as possible.

### Details for the Film Night

January 23	<b>Upper School Film night</b>	Mr Popper's Penguins	15.45-18.00
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\*Pupils should bring their water bottles as drinks will not be provided.

### Prom Praise

Year 4, 5 and 6 parents received information about Prom Praise last week, and there has been a marvellous uptake of places. If you are a parent of a Year 4, 5 or 6 pupil and still wish to sign up, we have extended the deadline to 16.00 tomorrow (Friday 18 January).

If you have not already signed up to accept a place and wish to do so, please complete the online registration form <https://goo.gl/forms/pgbDRsj7rRWNKOgy2>.

### Upper School Residential Trips

Year 4 and Year 6 will be going on their residential trips in March. Letters for these year groups, giving all details, will be sent home next week.

### Assemblies

Please note Year 2 will be leading our assembly on Friday 25 January at 11.15 and Year 3 will lead the assembly on Friday 1 February at 11.15.

### Tomorrow

Please do not forget that tomorrow is Family Night 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.

It is the turn of parents in Reception and Year 1EM to pop into classrooms at 'drop off'.

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.

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11:15. Mrs Patience our violin teacher will be giving a quick taster of the violin lessons at Dolphin.

With best wishes

*N. S. Baldwin*

Mrs N S Baldwin  
Principal

### **Forthcoming events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Friday 18 January	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 18 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
Tuesday 22 January	Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v Oliver House	14.00 – 15.30	Ferndale
Wednesday 23 January	Upper School Film Night	15:45 – 18:00	Church
Friday 25 January	Y5/Y6 Girls' Consortium Shield Hockey	13.00 – 16.00	Ferndale
Wednesday 30 January	Lower School Film Night	15:30 – 17:45	Hall