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Dear Parents

There have been many enriching learning opportunities over the last week. It is so thrilling when excitement, joy and unforgettable events combine together to enhance school life. As well as all the delights reported in the newsletter, our "Theme Day" is still to come, tomorrow.

Year 3 Rubies – Windsor Castle

On Monday, Year 3 Rubies enjoyed a wonderful visit to Windsor Castle. The sun shone down on us as we marvelled at the height of the battlements, saluted the guards and scampered under murder holes. While tucked away in a secret corner of St George's Chapel, we got our imaginative juices flowing in a lively creative writing session inspired by the Order of the Garter - the oldest and highest order of chivalry in the world!



We heard about the rigorous life of a young squire while training to become a knight and wrote our own mottos, declaring them loudly from the balcony of St George's Hall (where we had been granted special access).

To top off an excellent visit, we were given a private tour of the State Apartments where we were invited under the barriers to get a closer look at the rooms' delights. This was an incredibly

unique experience and a very special way to see the castle in all its glory





Year 4 Emeralds – Changing States of Matter

'Time is a precious thing. Never waste it.' Willy Wonka

How long does it take to melt chocolate and what type of chocolate is the quickest to melt? Year 4 restrained themselves superbly to perform a fair test as part of our Changing States of Matter topic this week. Surrounded by an array of chocolate, oodles of sophisticated scientific measuring equipment and questions designed to make them wonder, they managed to investigate the effect of the varying percentages of chocolate solids on melting times - without eating a crumb! How impressive is that? Some of the students also got to shake the hand made of gas after combining a liquid (vinegar) and solid (baking soda). A big thank you to Mrs Green and Miss Walters, who diligently monitored our safety throughout these lessons.









Prom Praise Ticket Update from the Royal Albert Hall



New Parent Ticket Release Information and Instructions for Parents

After Monday's surprise sell-out, the Royal Albert Hall has now agreed to provide Prom Praise with **220 standing room tickets** in the Gallery. These will be priced at £7.50 a ticket, with no booking fee.

As there are still not enough tickets to allow every parent to attend, Prom Praise are opening a ballot process. There has been a significant number of people unable to buy tickets, so the ballot is particularly **for those who have been disappointed so far and not secured tickets**.

How to Enter the Ballot:

Entries will be accepted from <u>08:00 until 23:59 on Monday 18th February</u>, 2019. Early submissions will not be considered.

- 1. Email pp4s@allsouls.org with email subject: "PP4S Ballot Entry"
- 2. Confirm the following information:
 - Your first and last name
 - Name and postcode of the school your child attends
 - Number of tickets requested (maximum of 2)
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Prom Praise will contact successful applicants on <u>Tuesday 19th February</u> with instructions on how to claim allocated tickets. We expect to receive a high number of ballot entries so unfortunately will not be able to contact unsuccessful applicants.

Payment for allocated tickets must be received by <u>5pm on Friday 22nd February</u> or tickets will be forfeit and offered to the next eligible applicant.

New Dolphin Website

We are thrilled to unveil our new Dolphin School website. After careful consideration of our values, we have put together a website that we feel reflects and celebrates the heart of what we do.

Please do explore the site <u>www.dolphinschool.org.uk</u>. Along the way we hope that you encounter a sense of connection, nurture, success and, of course, joy as you explore the fullness of school life. In particular, we would like to direct you to the **'Parents'** section. Here you will find information accessible only to you, our existing families. This section, hidden behind a password, includes: Our Newsletter, Parent Handbooks, Our Uniform, Our Calendar, a Photo Gallery and a link to our Events portal (where you will be able to book events like Parent Teacher Evenings).

The 'Parents' section can be found on the upper right side of the screen behind the 'Parents' icon:



The password for the 'Parents' section is this year's school theme: Seasons1819

Parent Teacher Evenings

After half term, our Parent Teacher Evenings will be on Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 March. The sign up will go live on our Events portal on our new website on the first day back, Monday 25 February, at 12 noon. We will send out a reminder email, as soon as school is back from half term. Parent Teacher Evenings are such an important part of our Home/School partnership. We look forward to seeing you.

Books Books Books!



A reminder that we are in need of your help to make the Dolphin Book Sale a success! Please can you spare some time over the half term break to have a clear out of any children's books that are no longer wanted in your households. As long as the content is suitable for ages 5 - 11 and the books are in great condition, we would be delighted to receive them. Please bring your donations to the Office and keep them coming until the 5 March!

Sports Report

Friday 8 February - Y5/Y6 Boys' Hockey V Oakfield School

This was a fantastic fixture involving around 60 boys with everyone having the opportunity to play lots of hockey. As the teams rotated all the time no scores were kept but plenty of good hockey was played with all the matches closely contested. Special mention to Otis, Harvey, Jack, Robert, Steven, Dougal and Henry all who played well in their matches.

Monday 11 February – ISA Cross Country

As always this was a massive event and an amazing opportunity for those children who qualified to compete. The course is a true cross country layout involving a range of terrain and plenty of mud. All the Dolphin runners did brilliantly well. Stand out performances came from Claudia who came 12th, Emily 4th, Edward 14th and Louis who was 8th. Both Emily and Louis will now go on to compete at the national finals on the 30 March at Rugby School.

Tuesday 12 February – Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v Eaton House

Dolphin had a triumphant afternoon with all four teams enjoying comfortable wins. Special mention goes to Phoebe, Lourdes and Willow all of whom played exceptionally well.

Tomorrow

As it is Theme Day tomorrow, there will be <u>**no**</u> drop in session, Parent Prayers or Assembly.

May I wish you all a very happy half term.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin Principal

Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Tuesday 26 February	Y1 Trip to Vauxhall Park	Day	Vauxhall
			Park
Tuesday 26 February	Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v	13.30 –	Wandsworth
	Honeywell	15.30	Common
Friday 1 March	Y5/Y6 Girls' Football v	13.30 –	Wandsworth
	Honeywell	15.30	Common
Friday 1 March	Y5/Y6 Boys' Rugby v	14.30 –	Emanuel
	Emanuel	15.30	
Half term holiday 18 February – 22 February			