



24 January 2019

Dear Parents

On Friday evening it was a pleasure to welcome our Lower School pupils and their family members to school for Family Night. The children were so keen to be back in school, sharing their learning with their 'special' adult. Thank you to all the adults who came and participated wholeheartedly in the different activities. It was then lovely to have the opportunity to chat and mingle over refreshments. We were pleased to be able to distribute our 'The Upper School and Beyond' booklets to help explain how we support the next stage of the school journey.

If you have not received a copy of this and would like one, let the office know and a copy will be sent home.





Year 2 Sapphires – Florence Nightingale

This week Year 2 have really enjoyed travelling back in time with Florence Nightingale. Miss Nightingale taught us about a time when cameras had only just been invented, manners and posture were of the utmost importance and diseases were spreading like wildfire. Florence gave us her top tips on keeping healthy which included good food, fresh air and clean water. She also taught us the nursing skills required to dress soldiers' wounds carefully, and educated us on the conditions needed to keep a hospital safe from infection. Can you recognise any of the nurses or soldiers in the photographs below?





Upper School Film Night - Mr Popper's Penguins

Gathered in our church space, we hosted our Upper School Film Night this week. The children enjoyed a good dose of Hollywood magic, complete with terrific special effects, slapstick humour and heartfelt moments. In all, it was a huge success; in fact, we doubled last year's attendance numbers! Mr Popper's Penguins was a perfectly pitched picture, leaving the pupils pleasingly poised with a plethora of applause.



Get Ready for Reception Diamonds



We were thrilled to see such an interested and dedicated group of new parents who joined us this morning for our 'Get Ready for Reception' session. Mrs Keenan, Mr Woodcraft and

Mrs Gates provided valuable insights, tips and encouragement for our up and coming families. We look forward to welcoming next year's new Reception classes.

Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Miss Norman to Dolphin this term. Miss Norman will be opening up the excitements of Latin to our Year 6 pupils each week.

Film Night and Wednesday Clubs collection changes

Lower School Film Night on Wednesday 30 January will be held in the hall. 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
LS Film Night	Staff Door	17.45

If you have not yet paid for your child's place at the Upper or Lower school Film Night, please can you do so as soon as possible.

Details for the Film Night

January 30	Lower School Film night	Ferdinand	15.30-17.45
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*Pupils should bring their water bottles as drinks will not be provided.

New Website Launch

We are eagerly looking forward to launching our new Website. It is, we hope, a true reflection of the school community we love. It will give you, our families, a portal to celebrate and interact with our school events, and for visitors to the site, a clear picture into the day to day magic of Dolphin life. The final adjustments and checks are being put in place. Look out for the Launch in the weeks to come!

Sports Report

Y5/Y6 Girls' Hockey v Oakfield

This was the girls' first hockey match of the year. All four teams played brilliantly, really taking off from where we left things last year. The four matches were all very close and we ended up with two wins and two losses.

Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v Oliver House

We had one Y3 and one Y4 team playing in this fixture. For Y3 this was their first ever hockey match and they performed amazingly, showing off many of the skills we have been practising. The game finished in a one-all draw. The Y4 team were just as impressive, finishing comfortable winners.

Lower School pick up

It is so helpful if parents can remember to come **in** the Northcote Door and go **out** the Wakehurst Door when picking up Lower School children at the end of the day. This helps to maintain the flow and ensure the safety of the children.

Tomorrow

It is the turn of parents in Reception and Year 1KH 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 at 11.15 will be led by Year 2. Parents are warmly invited. Next Friday, Year 3 will be leading assembly.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal

Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Friday 25 January	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 25 January	Assembly Year 2	11:15	Church
Friday 25 January	Y5/Y6 Girls' Consortium Shield Hockey	13.00 – 16.00	Ferndale
Monday 28 January	Y3/Y4 Boys' Hockey v Newton Prep	14.15 – 15.30	Newton Prep
Tuesday 29 January	Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v Streatham and Clapham	13.30 – 15.30	Ferndale
Wednesday 30 January	Lower School Film Night	15:30 – 17:45	Hall
Thursday 31 January	POD Quiz Night	19.30 – 22.00	All Bar One
Friday 1 February	ISA Cross Country	07.30 – 14.00	
Friday 1 February	Assembly Year 3	11.15	Church