

23 May 2019

Dear Parents

There is great excitement bubbling throughout the school as we approach Sports Day tomorrow. We are looking forward to seeing many parents at the Wimbledon Stadium, cheering on their children.

It is a lovely occasion to foster team spirit, celebrate those of our pupils with athletic prowess and applaud the efforts of all taking part. Whether winners or losers, we want all children to have fun, participate with enthusiasm and show a good sporting attitude.

For your information (and particularly if you are new), we do hand out stickers in our events. In some events, every child receives a sticker; in others, the first four receive a sticker. No child will be sticker-free on the day...

Please read the travel information below regarding ways to reach Wimbledon Stadium and the details regarding parking, which is available but limited. There are only about 20 parking spaces in both the Wimbledon Stadium parking areas. One is accessible via Wimbledon Park Road, and the other from Revelstoke Road. Revelstoke Road has a few pay and display bays with a maximum stay of 2 hours operating from 11am to 3pm. The Permit Holders Only bays on the same road operate from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. The roads surrounding Revelstoke Road have Permit Holders Only bays operating from 11am to 3pm.

You may feel that a car-share would work for you, or that public transport is the best option – the 39 or 156 bus routes are particularly convenient.

Key reminders:

1. Please ensure you have informed the school office if your child will be attached to another family.
2. Children may wear school PE kit or suitable sporty clothing in House colours with trainers/running shoes.
3. Children should have a sweatshirt and waterproof and be prepared for all weather eventualities.
4. Please apply sunscreen in the morning (if necessary) and provide a cap.
5. Please give your child a named bottle of water for the start of the day.
6. **Lower School** – please send in two snacks and a named bottle of water.

Upper School – please send in a named bottle of water as the School will provide a mid-morning snack of an ‘Alpen’ bar. If your child is unable to eat this, please provide an alternative snack bar, which he/she needs to bring to the House mats at the very start of the day.

7. Please refrain from joining the children at the House mats until it is time to collect your child at the end of Sports Day – this is the best way of keeping the track clear and everyone safe and settled.
8. Parents are invited (but not obliged!) to come in House colours: **yellow** for Aylward, **red** for Lewis, **purple** for Liddell and **green** for Wesley.
9. Please bring a picnic for yourselves and your children.
10. Dogs are not allowed at Wimbledon Stadium.
11. There is a lake just outside the stadium. Your pre-school children must, for their own safety, be carefully supervised. We cannot take any responsibility for any who leave the stadium and put themselves in danger.
12. No Dolphin child or other child may climb on the equipment, including the climbing walls.
13. There is no normal school tomorrow – everyone should arrive at Wimbledon Athletics Stadium at 09.15 for a 9.30 start.
14. Your child will be under the teachers’ supervision until the children are dismissed at 13.15, and they will then be under your care for the picnic.
- 15. There will be no clubs tomorrow.**
- 16. Please read last week’s programme carefully and bring it with you tomorrow so that you are able to work out what your child is doing.**

Sports Day Photos

Please remember that photographs of children, other than your own, should not be posted on social media.

Dolphin School Houses

This week, in preparation for Sports Day, Year 6 Aquamarines made wonderfully thought through presentations to their houses about the characters behind our school House names, which were chosen by Dolphin parents early on in the school's history. Aylward (yellow), was named after Gladys Aylward, a missionary to China; Lewis (red), after CS Lewis, a writer, academic, and Christian thinker; Liddell (purple) after Eric Liddell, an Olympic Gold Medalist runner, rugby union international player, and missionary; and Wesley (green) after John Wesley, a theologian and social reformer, and his brother Charles, a prolific hymn writer and poet.

Senior School Fair

Last Thursday evening it was our great pleasure to host representatives from thirty senior schools, and to welcome many parents who took the opportunity to find out about some of the secondary schools in and around the London area.



Heads and registrars thoroughly enjoyed talking to Dolphin parents and, judging from the feedback we have received, parents seemed to appreciate the opportunity to explore school types and meet different representatives in a relaxed and informal way. We trust that the evening was a useful tool for all who attended.



Year 4 Emeralds – Garden Adventure

Year 4 pupils reaped the rewards of their planting efforts this week. Carefully donning their multi-coloured gardening gloves they pulled, and pulled, and pulled on the variety of salad greens that were deeply rooted into the soil and through great team effort, they budged! Furthermore, some of the vegetables were towering over our green fingered Year 4 pupils with roots that can only be described as GINORMOUS! Well done Year 4, that kale was delightfully delicious!





Year 5 Topaz – Flour Babies

In the early hours of Monday 13 May, fifteen flour babies arrived in Year 5. They were greeted by 28 enthusiastic new parents whose job it was to care and tend for the imaginary needs of their babies. Names were chosen, birth certificates created and godparents assigned and the nursery was declared open!

Throughout the week, the babies continued to develop and thrive under the watchful eyes of Year 5 and their host of babysitters. The babies were lovingly rocked during assembly and pushed and carried up to the Common each break time without fail.



Mrs Oram and Mrs Shahpazova observed the exemplary communication and cooperation that Year 5 showed in parenting their bundles of joy and were immensely proud of the responsibility and kindness that was shown during the week. We are happy to report that all the babies survived the project and many were subsequently turned into delicious cakes and treats, which were enjoyed by all on Monday.

This is what some of the children had to say about the project:



The things that helped my group work well together was agreeing and not being selfish.

I was surprised by how fun it was! I thought it would be nothing but hard work but it was really enjoyable.

My advice to someone looking after a flour baby is to not give it to your baby brother or sister and don't forget it or drop it on the floor.

I have learnt that you need to be responsible and you need to work hard and cooperate with your partner.

Listening to each other helped us work well together.

I learnt that being a parent is very hard because it is a lot of work to be with the baby all the time.

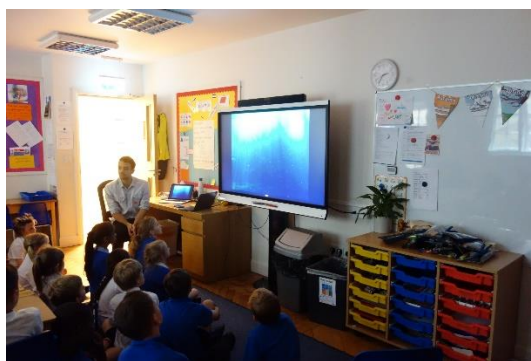
Year 4 Emeralds

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed learning about the ocean through Marine Biologist, Joao. The whole class was enthralled as he told us about what the ocean gives us, and just how many undiscovered areas there are. He also talked to us about the importance of caring for our planet!

"I enjoyed seeing all the different fish and boxing crabs. I also thought it was really cool when he showed us the camouflaged fish in the coral." Sebastian Taylor

"It was cool when he told us that there are 20 million pieces of gold in the sea and so that means we swim in gold!" Lourdes Devine

"I learned that we need to stop polluting the earth because it makes animals choke on plastic." Claudia Marsh



The Dolphin Shakespeare Club's Globe Theatre Trip

On Sunday, The Dolphin School Shakespeare Club went to the Globe Theatre. It was an insightful and an amazing experience! We had an exclusive tour of the costume department, where Florence managed to dress in full Elizabethan costume! We also had a tour of the Globe Theatre itself, and unquestionably enjoyed learning about the 'penny stinkers' or the 'groundlings'. In the early 17th century, audience members only

paid a penny to see one of Shakespeare's remarkable plays - they were both stinking and filthy. They had to stand, in contrast to the rich who came to the Globe and sat down to show off! We all had an incredible time and really enjoyed having this amazing experience, and found it fascinating to find about how people of that period lived. There is only one word to sum up this trip: supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Evie, Year 6



Emotional Well Being Workshop

On Wednesday night we had the privilege of hosting an Emotional Well Being Workshop for parents with Natalie Costa. Over the past few years Natalie has worked with our Year 5 and 6 pupils, helping them understand their emotions and giving them valuable tools to build resilience, and now our parent community has had the opportunity to benefit from her wisdom. Several parents commented on how useful the strategies would be in raising their children, and another was particularly encouraged with how to support their child during times when they were struggling emotionally.

Sports Report

Friday 17 May Y5/6 Girls' JAPS Cricket Tournament

We have only been playing girls' cricket at Dolphin for the last three weeks so this Tournament was a daunting prospect for the girls. However, after a slow start in their first two games the girls played amazingly, both while fielding and especially batting. In our last two games we had a narrow four run loss to JAPS (the team that finished second) and handsomely won our last game against Oakfield by 70 runs!!

Wednesday 22 May Y5/6 Girls' Cricket v Eaton House School and Newton Prep School

We had four teams compete in this triangular tournament. This was a great opportunity for the girls to play plenty of cricket and put into practice all the skills they have worked so hard on over the last few weeks.

Reminder of dates for your diary

Prop and Set Building Party

The much loved story of Toad and his wild antics will come to life in our year end production of Wind in the Willows. The set and props will, of course, be a celebration of

our wonderful English heritage and a multitude of vintage modes of transportation. We would like to invite all parents to join us on our two weekends dedicated to building a platform and props which will allow our pupils to shine. If you are a builder, painter, maker, helper or just a 'let me help' person, please join us on Saturday 15 June and/or Saturday 29 June for our two set building parties. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Saunders: receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk

E-Safety Evening

A reminder that we have the privilege of Karl Hopwood of Esafety Ltd coming to spend the day with us on Monday 3 June (the first day back after half term). He is an international expert on e-safety issues for children, parents and schools, and will be speaking about the current issues and pressures for children surrounding online usage, computer games and social media. Mr Hopwood will spend the day working with children and staff, and **a special session for parents will be held from 19:00 – 20:30**. We would encourage family representatives to attend if at all possible as safe use of technology is becoming an increasingly important issue in our lives. Spaces are limited. To reserve a place, please register [here](#).

School Photographs – 12 June

School photographs are scheduled for Wednesday 12 June this year. As in the past we will take both class and individual photographs. We will again be offering the opportunity for Dolphin siblings (Reception - Year 6) to have their photographs taken together.

If you would like your children to have a siblings photograph taken, please click [here](#) and complete the form.

Assembly Date - Reception

A reminder that, our Reception Diamonds will be leading our school assembly next half term, on Friday 21 June.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal



Upcoming events in the Summer Term 2019

Winter or Summer uniform until half term

Friday 24 May	Sports Day	09.15 for 09.30	Wimbledon Park
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HALF TERM 27 May – 31 May

Summer uniform

Monday 3 June	School resumes	08:30	School
Monday 3 June	On-Line Safety Talk (Karl Hopwood)	19.00 – 20.30	School
Wed 5 – Fri 7 June	Year 6 Camp (Viney Hill)		Residential Trip
Wednesday 12 June	School Photographs		School
Friday 14 June	POD School Fair	16.00 – 18.00	Wandsworth Common
Tues 18 – Sat 22 June	'The Life of Christ' production		Wintershall Estate, Surrey
Friday 21 June	Assembly – Reception Diamonds	11.15	Church
Friday 21 June	New Parents' Tea	13:30	School
Mon 24 – Wed 26 June	Hooke Court (Year 5)		Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 July	Piano Workshop	15.45	Hall
Tuesday 9 July	Summer Production	10.30 for 10.45	School
Tuesday 9 July	Summer Production	16.30 for 17.00	School
Wednesday 10 July	Summer Production	18.30 for 19.00	School
Thursday 11 July	Final Assembly	11:00	School
Thursday 11 July	End of term	12:30	School