



6 June 2019

Dear Parents

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after a week's break, refreshed and ready for the excitements ahead. We started the week with the insight Karl Hopwood shared in our E-Safety Day and we have continued to enrich learning with the Year 1 trip to Kew Gardens, today's visit to Brighton for Year 2 and the on-going residential Year 6 camp at Viney Hill.

Sports Day

We would like to extend another huge thank you to the whole school community who so joyfully came together for our 2019 Sports Day at the Wimbledon Athletics Stadium just before Half Term. It was indeed a privilege to share a day which so beautifully reflected the heart of the school. It was a day that saw pupils (and parents alike) effortlessly mix competition and nurture, success (in its many forms) and nourishing relationships. And, of course, after the multitude of activities, bathed in sunshine, the picnic brought our amazing community spirit to the fore.





E-Safety Day

On Monday we had the privilege of having Karl Hopwood join us for an informative day of looking at issues surrounding e-safety. He began the day with a whole school assembly where he sensitively opened the conversation about healthy online habits. This was followed by year group workshops where he unpacked age-appropriate issues surrounding the use of technology and the internet. Karl noted that our pupils were not only thoroughly engaged but they also responded with honesty and wisdom. He was

impressed with the general attitude of the pupils towards their use of technology and their willingness to build healthy habits!

We were then pleased to have Karl join us for an evening session with parents where, true to form, he shared up-to-date research, issues and guidance for parents. Those that attended the evening commented on his balanced view of technology and the usefulness of the content, for their role as parents. We attach the parent booklet for those that are interested in reading more.



Year 1 Pearls – Kew Gardens

Year 1 began their Plants topic with a trip to Kew Gardens. They took part in a workshop called “Plant Hunters”, in which they learnt about the different parts of a plant, and why each part is important. Using their detective skills they identified 3 different trees by looking at their trunks, leaves, seeds and fruit. The Treetop Walkway, through the canopy, was an exciting way to explore a forest. However, one of the definite highlights this year was Kew’s new Children’s Garden. The climbing equipment and slides proved to be a great hit, and it was hard to tear ourselves away at the end of the day.

Here are some comments from the day:

It was a really beautiful trip. I absolutely loved all the different colours of the trees and plants.

Kew Gardens was very quiet and peaceful unlike the bus on the way there.

Absolutely amazing! The workshop was epic as we did a lot of experiments and stuff.

It was great because we got to go to the Children’s Garden.

I loved it when we were plant hunters.

I liked it because we could look at flowers and nature.



School Photographs – 12 June

All children will have class and individual photographs taken on Wednesday 12 June. Please do ensure that your children are in full **summer uniform**, wearing their blazers, with neat, tidy hair and polished shoes.

If you would like your children to have a Dolphin School siblings photograph taken, please click [here](#) and complete the form before **Monday 10 June**.

POD Summer Fair 2019 – Friday 14 June 16:00 – 18:00

In just over a week POD will be delighted to see you at the Summer Fair. Please do have a look at the few rules below which will make the event successful and safe for everyone and do look at the site map and menus attached to whet your appetites:-

1. Wear your wristbands - we need to identify you as part of the Dolphin community
2. Write your mobile number on your children's wristbands - if they get lost we'll be able to reunite you quickly
3. No dogs allowed - we have donuts, chocolate bars and a bbq so dogs and fun at the fair won't mix
4. Know where your children are - we are across two sites. Please ensure they are safe
5. Bring cash for food, drinks and Jude's ice cream and ice lollies - a big thank you to the Mezgers for providing the ice creams and Ed Baines for sourcing and cooking our BBQ
6. Bring refillable water bottles - we are trying to be a plastic free zone so are not selling bottled water. You can refill from the taps at the Lady Allen Playground
7. Buy raffle tickets - all raffle proceeds go to the disabled children's playground - see full list of prizes attached
8. Have lots of fun with your Dolphin community
9. Please thank your reps for all of their hard work!!!

POD can't wait to see you - fun starts at 4pm on Friday 14 June!

On another note – POD Tea towels

If you have not yet paid for your tea towel please can you do so by Monday 10 June – details of how to order has already been sent to you on a previous POD email.

Friday 21 June – New Parents' Tea at 13.30

This is the afternoon when we welcome the parents of next year's Reception children. We would be extremely grateful to receive lots of cakes, cupcakes and sandwiches. Mrs Benson asks (with huge gratitude in anticipation of your kindness) whether parents would be able to bake neat and easy-to-eat cakes, cupcakes (it's a standing buffet) and provide a variety of sandwiches, including some gluten-free items if possible. Please remember that we cannot accept anything with nuts in it. If you might be able to help, please would you fill in the details [here](#) by Thursday 13 June.

Prop and Set Building Party for Wind in the Willows Production

We would like to remind all parents that 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

Tomorrow

It is the turn of parents of children in Reception and Y2CB to visit classrooms. Parent Prayers will take place as usual at 08.50 in the Music Room. Our Assembly will be at 11.15, and all parents are warmly invited.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal



Upcoming events in the Summer Term 2019			
Summer uniform			
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