

27 June 2019

Dear Parents

All over the school there is a buzz of activity as there are children rehearsing, lines being learnt, dances being practised, costumes being created and the set taking shape. The behind-the-scenes aspects of our school production are all coming together. We know from past experience that "it'll be all right on the night" but I would like to applaud all who are helping to get everything to fall into place. Thank you so very much.

Year 6 Aquamarines Wintershall – 'The Life of Christ'



Last week, Year 6 Aquamarines were active participants in 'The Life of Christ', which focused on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The play was acted out on the Wintershall Estate, an area of extraordinary natural beauty within the rolling landscape of the Surrey Hills. This epic open-air performance took the audience back in time to the Palestine of Jesus' day. It was a moving and authentic re-enactment of the remarkable events of Jesus' life. Each day, we followed Jesus around the Wintershall Estate as He shared his wisdom with the multitude. It was easy to imagine what the disciples were thinking and experiencing in First Century Israel.

It was an honor to be part of a professional play directed by Ashley Herman, a West End theatre director. To be working alongside the Wintershall Players, who are renowned for their



re-enactments of the Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square was a privilege. It was joyous to be in such beautiful surroundings, even though the weather was not always on our side!

My favourite Wintershall memory was:

'Teaching by the lake has stuck in my mind because it made me feel as though I was talking with God' - Marie

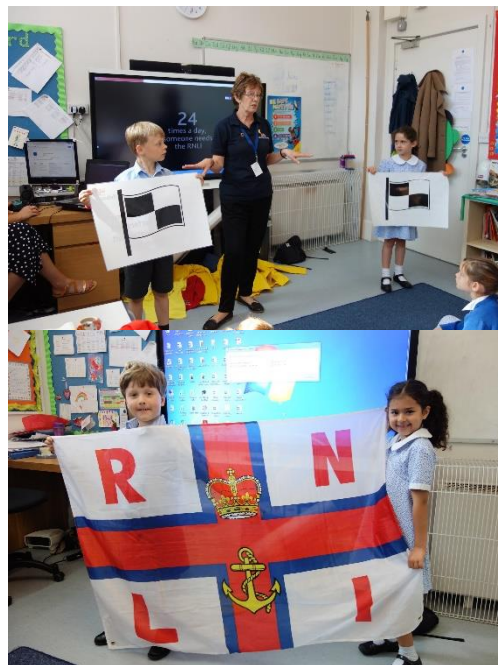
'Being with Jesus' - Christal

'I had goosebumps every time Jesus healed the leper!' - Ami

'It is like a jigsaw; the story of Jesus is all coming together now' - Dougal

Year 2 Sapphires - Visit from an RNLI Volunteer

Ahoy all seafarers - you are in safe hands! All Year 2 children are now experts on how to stay safe near water. Jan, a volunteer from the RNLI, very kindly came to explain how to have fun whilst staying safe near water. After watching nail biting footage of rescues at sea and on the River Thames, Jan explained to a captivated audience the four steps to being "Water Smart". If you are unsure of these steps, please do ask a member of Year 2!



"I loved the dramatic videos that Jan showed us"

"I enjoyed dressing up in outfits and playing with the flags!"

"When I retire from football, I plan to volunteer as a lifeguard"

Prop and Set Building

All the aspects for our exciting version of the Wind in the Willows are coming together beautifully; the children are deep in the midst of rehearsals, the costume group is creating an ingenious collection of costumes and those that have been involved in creating the magical backdrop for the play have made an excellent start on their creation. If you would like to help pull together the last bits of the set and props, please join us for our second Set and Prop building party this Saturday, 29 June, between 08.00 -17.00. If you are interested in joining us, please let Mrs Saunders know- receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk

Piano Workshop for all piano pupils – Wednesday 3 July

Mrs Verbi and Mr Lester look forward to welcoming parents of pianists at the Piano Workshop in the Hall at 15.45 on 3 July. Please remember to indicate [here](#) by Monday 1 July if you plan to attend. Entrance will be through the Staff Entrance.

Reminder of Forthcoming Garden Visits

Just to remind you that you are welcome to visit our school garden on one of the following dates:

Wednesday 3 July

Thursday 4 July

Friday 5 July

Visits will take place around pick up time ie.

Lower School: between 15.30 and 15.45

Upper School: between 15.45 and 16.00

If you are interested in taking up this invitation, please collect your child as usual, and make your way to the kitchen side of the church. For Lower School parents, that will mean simply walk across the church. Upper School parents will make their way to the church from their pick up door.

You will be invited to take a seat on a pew, and a member of staff will collect groups of parents and children and escort them to the garden. The garden is beautiful, but small, so we know you will understand that entry needs to be managed, and we thank you in advance for your patience! We think that a possible short wait is worth it for the floral and edible treasure on view!

Information for Autumn Term Clubs

Please find attached the Autumn term club letters. Please be aware that the booking system will go live at **10:00 on Monday 1 July**.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please find below a summary from the library of the key information for this annual event, which is always a popular one with our pupils and families.

Northcote Children's Library Summer Reading Challenge 2019

**Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the first Moon Landing
Space Chase
Starts Saturday 13 July**



- Come and sign up by pledging to read 6 books during the summer holidays
- Collect a Space Chase sticker pack
- Collect stickers and book marks each time you read 2 books
- At 4 books collect stickers and a glow in the dark wristband
- Read 6 library books; receive a medal and certificate at school assembly

**Watch out in all libraries for lots of fun activities to join in
It's FUN and it's FREE!**

Staff News

At the end of this year some of our lovely staff are leaving. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hampton, Miss Ellis and Miss Toqi (TAs) and to Mrs Green, Miss Bhaiyat, Miss Colby and Mrs Pitt (teachers). Mrs Pitt will continue to offer her clubs next year.

We are so grateful for their sterling service to our school and the contribution they have each made. At our final assembly, we will be able to thank them all.

Sports Report

Monday 24 June – Y4 Girls' A Team Netball Tournament – Streatham & Clapham High School

The team have worked very hard on their netball for almost two years, and this was the first proper opportunity to put all their efforts into match practice. They played amazingly well, finishing with five wins and two narrow losses, resulting in a very respectable third place, overall.

Tuesday 25 June – Y3/Y4 Girls' Cricket v Rutherford House

The girls had a successful afternoon winning both their matches. A special mention goes to Claudia and Emily for their excellent batting.

Tuesday 25 June – Y3/Y4 Boys' Cricket v Sussex House

Three teams played in this fixture. All the games were very close; we finished behind in two, but did manage one win - thanks to Stanley for scoring a four off the last ball of the match to help his team win by just 2 runs!

Assembly on 5 July

At next week's assembly we will be saying goodbye to any children from Reception to Year 5 who will be leaving us at the end of this year.

The final assembly on 11 July is our farewell to Year 6 pupils.

Tomorrow

It is the turn of parents of children in Reception and Y2KV 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			
Friday 28 June	Parent Prayers	08.50	Music Room
Friday 28 June	Assembly	11.15	Church
Saturday 29 June	Set & Prop Building Party	08.00 – 17.00	School
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