



4 July 2019

Dear Parents

I am always thrilled by the many and varied talents of our children, but the fantastic skills of our parents are also quite exceptional. In the preparation for "Wind in the Willows" it has been such a pleasure to see the incredible dedication of our costume team who have produced the most fantastic and creative costumes. No detail has been overlooked! Also, those parents who have worked with such inspiration to produce a set and props of phenomenal quality, are simply exceptional. When you see the performance you will be utterly amazed and delighted.

An immense thank you to all our parents who have been able to give their time and talents – we are so very appreciative.

### **Year 5 Topaz – Hooke Court**

On Monday 24th June we started our journey to Hooke Court. We met up with all our friends at Clapham Junction Station at 9 am, had a group photo, said our goodbyes and then we were off! We spent two long hours on the train but at least we were able to chat and play card games the whole time. Finally we arrived and the fresh air was so wonderful to smell after sitting down for all that time! We arrived and I was so excited about the activities that we were going to do but I was also curious about where we would be sleeping. After we had placed our bags in our rooms in the North Wing, we had a little bit of free time and then the first activity began. By Elina.

We met Alan, our group's leader in a lush, green field by the river and began our activity. We took part in lots of team building exercises which were really challenging and fun. Alan then took us to see the Viking Roundhouse where he shared stories of life at Hooke Court. Exhausted, we headed to the dining hall where we ate delicious pasta bolognese and apple crumble. Once dinner was over, we headed to the manor house, which was built in 1492, for an incredible kite building workshop. We were even allowed to fly our kites on the great lawn by the moat. It was wild and magical!! By Steven.



The next day was TRIBAL DAY! We had an early start. Wellies on, we slogged our way to the woods where we were greeted by a lady called Kate who showed us how to build incredible shelters. We were put into three groups and set about making our structures.

Later on, after our tasty barbeque lunch and ice cream, we headed back to the woods to make up our war cries and design our settlement. In the evening we sang songs and told jokes around the campfire. We really did laugh a lot! By Irina.



On the very last day, we ate croissants and jam and then helped each other to pack bags and find missing socks and shoes before going to the Healthy Eating Workshop. I was in the group who made some yummy chicken soup. Everyone said it was amazing! With full stomachs we boarded the train home. In two hours we were back at Clapham Junction and were greeted by our parents. Hooke Court was so fun! By Aavani and James.



### Year 5 Topaz - Reception Visit

On Tuesday morning, Reception climbed the 23 stone stairs to Year 5, where they were greeted with warm smiles and excited waves. Each Reception child was paired with a Year 5 buddy and they all settled down to read. It was a joy to watch as the Year 5 children read enthusiastically to their new friends, relishing each word. Once stories were over, it was time for a little singsong and a chance to share favourite nursery rhymes. All of the children agreed that it was a wonderful occasion and were very keen to see each other again.



## Year 2 Sapphires – Pond Dipping

Last week Year 2 enjoyed the opportunity of going pond dipping at the ponds at Wandsworth Common. The children joyfully used nets, trays and microscopes to



capture and examine wildlife. We discovered millions of water fleas, as well as dragonflies, water boatman, blood worms and even a rat-tailed maggot. This was a great

chance for the children to develop curiosity and a 'hands on' approach to science.



## Year 4 Emeralds – Indian Feast – Year 4 reactions



Year 4 have been learning about India. We have also been learning about Indian food. So, on Monday afternoon, we had the amazing opportunity to try some Indian sauces and curries with a variety of breads. Everyone enjoyed trying the new tastes and textures, and each individual had a chance to try everything! Most of the reactions to this food type were good, and now our Year 4 pupils could visit India anytime and be ready to enjoy a delicious Indian feast! By Phoebe.

Elijah ' It was very different to our English food'

Ivy ' Everything I tried just kept getting better!'

Claudia ' I liked the lime and pickle because it was very spicy'

Jetta 'Tikka Masala and Chapati are ace!'



### **Piano Workshop – Wednesday 4 July**

It was wonderful to have so many pupils performing with much confidence and enjoyment yesterday afternoon at the Piano Workshop. Thank you to Mrs Verbi and Mr Lester for co-ordinating this event.

### **Clubs – last week of term**

Please note that there will be no after-school clubs next week, with the exception of missed sessions which are being made up, as follows:

#### **Monday 8 July**

- Dodgeball – Upper School – 15:45 – 16:45
- Gymnastics – Upper School – 15:45 – 16:45
- Rounders – Upper School – 15.45 – 16.45

### **Clubs – Autumn Term**

A reminder that the deadline for registering your child for clubs in the Autumn Term is this Monday, 8 July.

### **Next week - no bikes and scooters**

To ensure maximum use of space and for safety reasons, please be reminded that **no scooters or bikes** can be stored at school on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** of next week.

### **Tomorrow**

#### **Parent Prayers**

Tomorrow's Parent Prayers will be the final one of the year.

### **Drop-in and Assembly**

This will be our last Drop-In of the year and it is for all Reception and Year 2CB parents from 08.30-08.45.

At our 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. We will also have a performance from the Dance Club. Birthdays until the end of July will be celebrated, but if parents cannot attend tomorrow, their child's birthday can be celebrated when we return. Assembly will be at 11.15, and all parents are warmly invited

The final assembly on 11 July is our farewell to Year 6 pupils and will start at the slightly earlier time of 11.00

## End of Term Arrangements

<p><b>Monday</b> <b>8 July</b></p>	<p>The very important dress rehearsal day. Please avoid all non-urgent absence. This is the last day we can accommodate bikes and scooters. We just have no space for them when the church is being used for large numbers of people. Please would you help us by finding other means of transport on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are sorry for the inconvenience. <b>Please could all the children make sure they have their PE shorts, PE polo shirt and black plimsolls in all week for the school production.</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>9 July</b> <b>Performance</b> <b>Times are</b> <b>10:45 &amp;</b> <b>17:00</b></p>	<p>Children are to come to school as normal in school uniform.</p> <p><b>Morning performance of Wind in the Willows at 10:45.</b> The doors will open at 10.30.</p> <p><b>First evening performance of Wind in the Willows. All children should arrive back at school at 16:30 sharp please.</b></p> <p><b>15:30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of school day for Lower School <b>and</b> Upper School pupils.</li> <li>• Either, collect your children at this time or have them stay at school, fortified by a packed tea which you will have provided.</li> <li>• If you would like your child to stay in school, please email Mrs Saunders on <a href="mailto:receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk">receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk</a></li> </ul> <p><b>16:30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children must be in school to get ready for the performance.</li> <li>• Doors will open for the audience to enjoy light pre-performance refreshments.</li> </ul> <p><b>17:00</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The performance starts, promptly. Parents who are not attending the Tuesday's performance should collect their children at approximately 18.30</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>10 July</b> <b>Performance</b> <b>Time is</b> <b>19:00</b></p>	<p><b>Second evening performance of Wind in the Willows. All children should arrive back at school at 18:30 sharp please.</b></p> <p>Children should wear clothes that are easy to change out of – tracksuits, or even pyjamas for the little ones! Please make sure that hair is neatly brushed, and that children with long hair have it tied back and off their faces. Parents with tickets for the performance may then head to the church for refreshments.</p> <p><b>The performance will begin at 19:00, and should end at around 20:30. If you do not have tickets for Wednesday, please collect your children</b></p>

	<p>from their classrooms, entering through the Northcote Door at <b>20.50</b>.</p> <p>Please note that due to speeches, this performance will go on a little longer, which is why collection will be around <b>20:50</b>.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 11 July</b></p>	<p>Last day of term. We have a formal assembly, which gives us the opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and other leavers, so <b>ALL PUPILS MUST WEAR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Hot weather is forecast, so, please note that blazers will <u>not</u> be worn.</b> Parents are invited to the final Assembly of the year which begins at <b>11:00 sharp. This is a long assembly, and will not be suitable for preschool children.</b> The academic year ends at 12.30.</p>

### Final Day Dismissal

End of term dismissal is a difficult time for residents and passers-by. Might we ask you to move off the pavements as quickly as you can!

Arrangements for the dismissal at 12.30 on the last day of term will be as follows:

<p><b>Reception, Year 1 and 2</b></p>	<p>Parents collect children from inside the church – enter through the Northcote Road door and exit via the Wakehurst Road door. If you are attending Assembly, please remain in the church.</p>
<p><b>Year 3 and 4</b></p>	<p>Children will be dismissed from The Gate. Please collect them from the pavement.</p>
<p><b>Year 5 and 6</b></p>	<p>Children will be dismissed from inside the Hall. Please enter and exit through the Staff Entrance door.</p>

### Exercise Books

Your child's exercise books from this academic year will be sent home next week. Please would you be kind enough to supply a named "Bag for Life" so that they can be easily carried!

### School Office – Summer Opening Hours

The Dolphin Office will be manned until 19 July, after which date it will be closed until 29 August.

Thank you to all members of our school community for making 2018-2019 another wonderful year for Dolphin School.

With best wishes

*N. S. Baldwin*

**Mrs N S Baldwin  
Principal**



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Friday 5 July	Parent Prayers	08.50	Music Room
Friday 5 July	Assembly – Reception to Y5 Leavers and Dance Club	11.15	Assembly
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