



17 October 2019

Dear Parents,

The first half of the term has flown by with so many enriching learning opportunities for our children. I hope that you all enjoy a wonderful break over the two week holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 4 November.

Year 5 Topaz – Junior Citizenship

On a rainy Monday morning, Year 5 travelled to Southfields Academy to face a range of real-life scenarios at the Wandsworth Junior Citizen Scheme. We felt very privileged to have the opportunity to meet professionals from a wide selection of Wandsworth's emergency services, who guided us through the twelve activities. These included first aid, rail safety, fire safety, and road safety.

The children were required to think on their feet and communicate well as a team and we were impressed with their maturity and their ability to respond calmly and sensibly to each new situation. The instructors were pleased with the answers that children gave and each group scored highly.



Comments after the trip included:

"I liked the interesting choice of topics we learnt about and I thought it was also very educational."

"The trip was very fun and entertaining. We learnt a lot about how to stay safe in different situations."

"I loved the trip! It was exciting to meet all the police officers, medics and fire fighters."



Year 3 Rubies – Ancient Egyptian Exploration

On Monday, the Year 3 Rubies were transported across the seas to join a curious egyptologist in unlocking the secrets of an Ancient Egyptian tomb. As we embarked on a historical adventure to lift the curse and escape the tomb unscathed, we drew on our wealth of knowledge gathered in our learning over the term and used our detective skills to make sense of the clues left behind by the pharaoh. Encountering characters such as Anubis and Tutankhamun, it was an afternoon full of fun, teamwork and some excellent Egyptian dance moves!





Sibling registration

A reminder to parents with younger, pre-school siblings - Please register your child with Mrs Benson at admissions@dolphinschool.org.uk for entry into Dolphin School.

The birthdates for the Reception classes are:

- September 2020 - 1 September 2015 – 31 August 2016
- September 2021 - 1 September 2016 – 31 August 2017
- September 2022 - 1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018
- September 2023 - 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019

We do prioritise siblings, but need to know how many may be joining us, in any year. For information regarding bursaries, please contact Mr Mike Wood, our bursar at schoolbursar@dolphinschool.org.uk

Noah's Ark news

There have been some exciting changes at our two Noah's Ark Nursery Schools (Cobham Close SW11 and West Side SW18). In response to demand, we are now offering places from the age of 2 (instead of 2½) and we have added some extended afternoons for those children who are aged 3 and above. The children can bring a packed lunch and stay until 15.00, participating in a variety of activities such as tennis, forest style outside classroom, and arts and craft creative activities. If you would like to enrol your two year old, or know of others who would be interested, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Benson at admissions@dolphinschool.org.uk.

School Uniform, Track Suits and Fleeces

Now that the weather is turning, we ask that from the November 4, all pupils wear their **winter uniform**. Could you please check that your children are not mixing and matching seasonal uniform items, but rather looking sharp in their 'warmer' uniform. We would also ask that all children have their tracksuit bottoms and fleeces in school every day in order to keep their uniforms clean and tidy at playtime.

DT Day- Cereal Boxes

We are eagerly looking forward to our Upper School DT Day on 7 November (the first week back after half term)! This term's challenge will require pupils to use card from a cereal box. Please send an empty cereal box (or similar sized card) into school with your child.

Parents' Choir

Please follow this [link](#) to see the letter from Mrs Coad inviting parents to join the Parents' Choir. All parents are welcome.

POD Christmas Cards

This week your child will have brought home an order form for Christmas Cards. If you wish to create a Christmas Card please follow the instructions in the attached letter. Designs should be created on A4 paper and glued to the order form. Please remember to order your cards online before returning the design to school after half term using your unique reference number. The deadline for designs to be returned is Tuesday 5 November.

Second Hand Uniform Sale – Friday 8 November 15:30

The second hand uniform sale on Friday 8 November will run from 15.30 in the church. If you have any second hand uniform please do drop it into the school office in advance.

Staff News

After eight years we are saying goodbye to Miss Lupton, Head of Finance, who leaves us at Half Term. We are very grateful for all the commitment and expertise she has given us and wish her well as she moves on to a new financial role with a Christian radio station.

Sports Report - Tuesday 15 October

Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v Broomwood and Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v Honeywell

Both the girls and boys played their fixture on the Common, meaning there were five matches taking place at the same time. All the teams played brilliantly and Dolphin enjoyed a very successful afternoon losing only one game. Hat tricks were scored by Stanley, Sam, Willow and Bertie. Also, Edward P. and Ruby played very well and deserve a special mention.

Assembly tomorrow

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are always warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11.15.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45 Reception and Y2EM parents are invited to visit their child's classroom. Parents' Prayers will take place in the Music Room at 08.50.

Wish best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N. S. Baldwin
Principal

Upcoming Events and Sporting Fixtures

AUTUMN TERM 2019			
Winter uniform after half term			
Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 18 Oct	Parent Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 18 Oct	Assembly	11:15	Church
HALF TERM 21 October – 1 November			
Monday 4 Nov	Start of Autumn Term		
Tuesday 5 Nov	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v Rutherford House	13.30 -15.30	Wandsworth Common (Home)
Tuesday 5 Nov	Y3/Y4 Girls' Netball v Streatham & Clapham	14.00 - 15.30	Streatham & Clapham Prep School
Thursday 7 Nov	DT Day (Upper School)	All day	School