



21 November 2019

Dear Parents

It has been a pleasure to see so many of you at school for Parent Teacher Interviews this week. Great conversations have been taking place and the school/home bond strengthened, as achievements have been celebrated and next steps identified.

Year 2 Sapphires – Science



Earlier this week, Year 2 became the UK's scientists of the future to determine how we could use both existing and new materials in tomorrow's world. Led by Vivien, from the world renowned National Physical Laboratory, the children learnt the many different properties of materials and what they could be used for in everyday life. After a heated scientific debate, it was generally agreed that a paper spoon would not be of much use both now or in the future!



Splitting into teams and using nothing more complicated than kitchen scales (and one other top secret scientific tool), the children were able to test different materials' strengths with some surprising results. A bridge made from dried spaghetti was never going to last long but cardboard proved to be much stronger than originally thought!

Grandparents' Tea

A reminder that the Grandparents' Tea events will be on Tuesday 26 November for Reception SS and Thursday 28 November for Reception AW. Mrs Benson would be very grateful if any parents are able to bake delicious little cakes, cookies and biscuits or indeed to create little sandwiches for the event. We cannot accept nuts or egg sandwiches owing to serious allergies. We so appreciate your help in making homemade delicacies for our very special guests.

Each Reception event will start at 14.00 and we would ask that everyone enters through the Northcote Door. **If you have not already done so please can Reception parents email Mrs Benson on admissions@dolphinschool.org.uk by noon on Friday 22 November, giving the name of your child's guests.**

Exciting Garden News!

During the afternoon of Friday 29 November, Santa Claus will be popping into our school garden, to present us with an espaliered apple tree. The variety, Red Windsor, which is a prolific fruiter producing juicy, sweet apples ready for eating in September. Hamptons International (our garden partners) have organised this in conjunction with the Woodland Trust's initiative (The Big Climate Fightback) to encourage a million people to join the fight against climate change by pledging to support tree planting on Saturday 30 November. Several Dolphin children along with some of our staff, will be there to receive the tree from Santa and help him plant it. Can we encourage you if you have any space in your garden to plant a tree? If you need any advice may we suggest you go to Neal's Nurseries, where their staff are very helpful and knowledgeable about trees.

If you do go to Neal's Nurseries and buy anything, please would you consider bringing your receipts in to the school office so we can put them towards the Dolphin School Privilege Card. As a school we receive a hefty discount and so far we have had £90 of free plants/bulbs etc which are now ready for the children to plant. Any receipts are gratefully received. Thank you.

Christmas Events

Northcote Road Christmas Lights and Christmas Market

The Christmas lights will be switched on, on Friday 29 November, with events taking place between 16.30 and 19.30. Santa will also be in his grotto at Hamptons International; there will be mulled wine, mince pies, donkeys and of course Santa Claus with presents.

The POD and Year 6 will be hosting a stall in front of the school by the Northcote steps asking for donations for Christmas cookies. POD would be most grateful if you could bake cookies and cupcakes for our Year 6 to sell after school.

Last year we successfully raised over £200. All funds raised will go towards a special charity - The Children's Society. There will also be some wonderful Christmas songs being sung by Dolphin parents, so do please come along at 16.45 and enjoy the festivities.

Please note that, due to the above event, the **afterschool dodgeball club** children should be collected from the Wakehurst door and **not** the Northcote door.

POD Quiz Night

Just a reminder that tickets for the POD Quiz Night which will be held at All Bar One on Thursday 30 January will go on sale from 8.30 on Monday 25 November. Class reps will be present at each door at drop off and pick up time.

Tickets are £15 each. We only have capacity for 22 teams of 8 so please get your team together and bring cash to secure your place

Celebration of Christmas Production

The Lower School (R-Y2) will be performing their Celebration of Christmas production on Tuesday 3 December at 14.30 (doors will open at 14.15) and again at 18.00 (doors open at 17.40). For the evening performance please bring your child to the Northcote Door at 17.40 and then come in to enjoy some refreshments before the Celebration of Christmas production starts.

We have room for two adults per pupil to attend the afternoon performance and two adults per pupil at the evening performance. Tickets are not going to be issued. The

Upper School will have already seen the Lower School's production, during school time. We look forward to welcoming Lower School families to the performances.

Year 5 Topaz – Christingle Service

Year 5 will be attending the Christingle Service at Westminster Abbey in aid of the Children's Society on Friday 6 December.

Carol Service

Upper School pupils (Y3-Y6) will be taking part in our Carol Service at St Michael's Church on Wednesday 11 December. Pupils are to be dropped off at church at 18.00. Adults may then come into the church to enjoy some festive refreshments. The Carol Service starts at 18.30.

There are no tickets but two adults per pupil can certainly be accommodated in St Michael's Church. The parent choir will also be singing at the Carol Service.

Clubs – Spring Term

A copy of the Spring Term Club list, including instructions for booking places, is attached to the covering email with this newsletter. Please note that the bookings will open on **Monday 25 November at 13.00.**

Love in a Box

Please note that the final date for you to submit your box is **Monday 25 November.**

Sports Report

Monday 18 November Y5/Y6 Girls' Netball v Streatham and Clapham

Each of our three teams played two matches. The A team had one win and one loss, B team two wins and C team two losses. It should be pointed out that the C team were

missing a couple of their key players. All the girls played amazingly, continuing their good form from last week.

Tuesday 19 November Y5/Y6 Girls' Netball v Hornsby House

This was our last netball match and probably our best. We won all our games and played excellent netball in the process. Special mention to Ivy, Olivia-Mae, Alice T, Elina, Avani and Irina all of whom were excellent in their matches. It was a great team effort and all the girls played well.

Assembly tomorrow

Our Friday assembly, to which all parents are always warmly invited, will take place at 11:15.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45 Reception and Year 1KH 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			
Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 22 Nov	Parents' Prayers	08.50	Music Room
Friday 22 Nov	Assembly	11.15	Church
Tuesday 26 Nov	Grandparents' Tea RSS	14.00 – 15.15	School
Thursday 28 November	Grandparents' Tea RAW	14.00 – 15.15	School
Friday 29 November	Y5/Y6 Girls' Football v Honeywell	13.30	Wandsworth Common (home)