



9 January 2020

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome back the children from the Christmas holiday, and start our new term so positively.

Thank you for the many kind words, gifts, cards and good wishes that the staff received which were much appreciated. I hope that 2020 will be an excellent year for our children and families.

Christmas Fair

Thank you very much for the great array of gifts donated for the POD Christmas Fair which made **£549.50**.

The children were so excited to be choosing gifts for their families, and hopefully the lucky gift recipients were equally thrilled to get such lovely, hand-picked presents.

The support of the POD parents who wrapped and sorted the gifts was hugely appreciated.

Family Night (Lower School)

On Friday 17 January from 18:00 – 19.30 each child in Lower School is invited to bring ONE special guest for Family Night (father, mother, grandparent, godparent). The first half of the event is spent making something together in class, and then adults are welcome to come to the hall for refreshments and to mingle, while the children are looked after in their classes with their own refreshments.

Parent Portal and School App

We are excited to announce the introduction of our new **Parent Portal**. It will be the platform through which you can keep up-to-date with many of the aspects of your child(ren)'s school life.

It will allow you to:

- sign-up for events such as parent evenings, clubs and trips
- access your child's timetable, attendance record, and essential contact and medical information
- see the school calendar, urgent news and important documents
- receive alerts and messages

It will be able to be accessed through an internet browser, the Dolphin Website (in the Parents section) or through a new app (the current one will be phased out over the course of this academic year).

You will receive an email next week explaining how to register and log in. Please note that in order to sign up for events and clubs you will need to have registered.

Uniform Check

Our school uniform helps to encourage a sense of identity as a community and it underscores the importance of high standards. On Monday we will conduct a uniform check at school. To that end, we would be grateful if you could support us with this process by checking to see if your children have all the necessary uniform, and that it is named and in good condition.

If you have purchased second hand uniform and it has been previously labelled with the name of another child, can you please remove this and replace it with your child's name. The uniform list can be found on the school app (in the Information section) and on the website (in the Parents section). Uniform can be ordered from John Lewis (https://www.johnlewis.com/browse/baby-child/uniform-by-school/london-schools-a-g/dolphin-school-london/_/N-9br)

New dates for popping into Lower School classrooms at 08.30 on Fridays are below.

Lower School 'pop-ins' begin next Friday

Friday 17 January - Reception and Y1CB
Friday 24 January - Reception and Y1AD
Friday 31 January - Reception and Y2KV
Friday 7 February - Reception and Y2EM

Friday 28 February - Reception and Y1CB
Friday 6 March - Reception and Y1AD
Friday 13 March - Reception and Y2KV
Friday 20 March - Reception and Y2EM

Assembly

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11:15. We will be celebrating all birthdays that took place during the Christmas break.

Friday

Parents' Prayers will be held as usual at 8:50. If you are joining us for this you are asked to sign in at the office first, before making your way to the Music Room.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal

Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Friday 10 January	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 10 January	Assembly	11:15	Church
Friday 17 January	Y5/Y6 Girls' Hockey v Oakfield	13.30	Ferndale
Friday 17 January	Family Night (Lower School)	18:00 – 19:30	School