



16 January 2020

Dear Parents

Thank you for sending your children to school in the correct, labelled school uniform. Following our recent school uniform check, some notes have gone home indicating items that need attention and your support with this is much appreciated. Our children are such wonderful ambassadors for our school, so please help them to look the part!

Although we are just a week into the new term, exciting learning opportunities are in full flow.

Year 1 Pearls – Toy Workshop

As part of our current Topic, Year 1 Pearls were taken back in time to experience the wonderful world of toys. On Tuesday morning, Richard, a time travelling toymaker provided a hilarious action-packed show that was highly interactive. The children explored different types of popular toys ranging from zoetropes to puppets and even the good old spinning top! We learnt that older toys were made out of more traditional materials such as wood and metal rather than bright coloured plastics. Our children gained a wealth of new knowledge and walked away with a smile on their faces.





Year 4 Emeralds - Vikings

Year 4 Emeralds have already embraced their Vikings topic with enthusiasm. They were engrossed in their initial investigation of a Viking burial mound. Miss Ting and Miss Rogers were immensely impressed with their incredible Viking projects including amazing artwork, brilliant baking, cool clay skills and marvellous modelling!



Film Night

One of the many delights of the Spring Term is our 'Film Night'. There will be a film screening of "Small Foot" for Year 2 to Year 6 on Wednesday 29 January. Pupils are invited to come to the Hall at dismissal to watch the film. The experience includes popcorn with a short break for pizza. Children can be collected by parents entering through the Northcote Door and leaving through the Wakehurst Door.

Please reserve a place for your child on-line by clicking [here](#) . Reservations will be accepted until Friday 24 January.

The cost for this event will be £5 which can be paid by BACS transfer into the usual account, using your child's surname as a reference.

Details:

January 29	Year 2 to Year 6 Film Night	Small Foot	15:45 – 18:00
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*Pupils should bring their water bottles as drinks will not be provided.

Sports News

Clapham Rangers Football Club is a not for profit organisation dedicated to developing and promoting girls' football. They will be signing enthusiastic girls to their two new 'girls only' teams. The under 9 team will incorporate girls currently in Years 1, 2 and 3. The under 11 team will incorporate Years 4, 5 and 6.

To launch these two teams the club will be running a football Open Morning on Saturday 18 January. This will be a drop-in morning taster session free of charge for girls (and parents). To register for the taster session and for all details please visit www.claphamrangersfc.com. All girls must be registered to take part.

Reminder – Gum shields

This term Years 3-6 will be playing hockey and the children will need a gum shield to participate. Junior gum shields can be bought from Sports Direct online or in store. It would be really helpful if these could be moulded at home ahead of lessons. Thank you for your help.

Staff News

We have welcomed Miss Darnell as our new teacher for Year 1 Pearls. She met the parents and pupils of her class last term, and has quickly settled in. I am also pleased to share the news that Mrs Shahpazova is expecting a baby in the Summer Term.

Early bird drop off

To help our working parents we are introducing the offer of an early drop off for children at 08:00 on school mornings. Children will need to have already had their breakfast. They will supervised for the half hour from 08:00 to 08:30 and then sent to their classrooms. To register your interest for early drop off please click [here](#). Further information will follow in due course.

The cost of the early drop off is £3.00 per morning and will start after February Half Term. Places are limited and this option is therefore aimed particularly to help working parents.

Parenting Course

St Mark's Church on Battersea Rise, is again running a very practical course for parents of 0-12 year-olds, starting 30 January. It runs for 5 Thursday evenings (30 January, 6, 13, 27 February & 5 March) in the crypt at St Mark's Church, Battersea Rise, London SW11 1EJ.

Timings: 7.30pm for food, ready for an 8pm start. The evening will close at 9.30pm.

The cost: £25 per person for the course, to include food and a course handbook.

For more information, and to book, visit smb.org.uk/coursesblog/parentingchildren

Children's Society

We would like to thank you for your generous donations for the Children's Society. At the Christingle service at Westminster Abbey, our cheque was presented. The wonderful amount raised was **£865.71**. Year 5 Topazes are to be congratulated for all their hard work to raise money for this worthy cause.

Term dates for 2019/2020

You will find the Dolphin school 2019/2020 term dates attached.

Tomorrow

Please remember that tomorrow is Lower School Family Night from 18:00 – 19:30. Each child in Lower School is invited to bring ONE special adult 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. Please enter via the Northcote Door for what promises to be a special evening.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45, Reception and Year 1CB parents are invited to visit their child's classroom.

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.

Assembly

Our Friday Assembly, to which parents are warmly invited, will take place tomorrow at 11:15.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal

Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Friday 17 January	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 17 January	Assembly	11:15	Church
Friday 17 January	Family Night (Lower School)	18:00 – 19:30	School
Tuesday 21 January	Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v Oliver House	14:15	Ferndale
Wednesday 22 January	Y5/Y6 Boys' Football v Alleyns	14:15	Alleyns
Wednesday 29 January	Film Night - Y2 to Y6	15:45 – 18:00	Church