



23 January 2020

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of our Lower School parents at Family Night on Friday. The children were very eager to come back to school with their special adult and share their learning.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to attend. It was super to chat to so many of you, and there was a very joyful atmosphere throughout the evening.

Family Night – Lower School

In Reception we had a lot of fun doing a range of activities inspired by our 'World and Me' topic. The children and adults created carefully patterned clay tiles, beautiful colour wash, silhouette paintings and some brilliantly engineered paper aeroplanes. Year 1 made amazing vehicles linked to their DT topic and Year 2 experimented with electric circuits using a range of conductors and insulators.



Year 3 Rubies – Science



Year 3 Rubies have been experimenting with magnets in Science. We have looked at the magnetic forces of repelling and attracting. To show and prove the magnetic force, we tied a paper clip to the table and placed a magnet near it. It was amazing to see what happened next, as it looked like the paper clip was either floating or flying! The space between the magnet and paper clip clearly showed the invisible magnetic force!



We also made some floating compasses by magnetising a paper clip and watching it point northwards! Every time we moved the compass it would turn by itself and face North.

Year 4 Emeralds – Robert Burns

Year 4 Emeralds were honoured with a visit from our resident Scot, Mr Wright, who shared captivating tales about his famed countryman, Robert Burns, whose literary works are celebrated around the world on the 25 January each year. We also heard tales about the land and its history and culture, as we studied a map of Scotland and munched on terrier-shaped shortbread cookies. A big thank you to Mr Wright! What a wealth of knowledge he shared.



Reception Diamonds - The Changing of the Guard

Reception Diamonds first trip was bravely to face the cold and go to Buckingham



Palace, Wellington Barracks and St James' Park to see the Changing of the Guard. We marvelled as the band played, and we gazed at the marching soldiers and listened to the clip-clopping of the mounted Police. We also had time to try out the playground in St James' Park which provided a different challenge from Chivalry Road playground!



Sports Report

Friday 17 January Y5/Y6 Girls' Hockey v Oakfield School

The three teams played brilliantly in their first hockey match of the season. We finished with one win and two losses.

Tuesday 21 January Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v Oliver House

The two Dolphin teams played very well in what was very much a training game. Most of the girls have literally just started hockey and are enjoying learning the game.

New Dolphin App

As mentioned last week, we were hoping to have released our new, more dynamic school app. Right before launch, there was a system glitch which meant that it would not run as it should. We apologise for the delay and will update you when the infrastructure has been mended. Until then, please continue to use our current app and the website for parent information.

Film Night Year 2 – Year 6

Please remember to 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.

Film Night will be held in the church. Therefore, the collection arrangements for children attending clubs and Film Night will be as follows:

Club/Group	Collection Door	Time
Clay Club	Staff Door	16.45
Gymnastics	Gate	16:45
Football	Gate	16.45
Robotics	Staff Door	16.45
Film Night	Parents - enter Northcote Door Parents – exit Wakehurst Door	18.00

Something Brilliant Assembly – 31 January

Please join us for a special celebratory assembly with the whole school! We are looking forward to coming together to launch our #Something Brilliant campaign.



POD Quiz Night – Thursday 30 January

Doors open at All Bar One at 19.00 with the quiz starting at 19.15. Welcome drinks of beer, wine or a soft alternative will be available.

The bonus round will be back so you can double your score on your selected round at a mere £5 per team. Up to 2 clues are also available at £5 a clue (so bring your fivers!)

A light finger food platter will be served at your tables about 20.30. This will be preceded by #somethingbrilliant - I can't give too much away but Mr Schmidt and the Dolphin team have something special to present to us!! We hope for the quiz to finish about 22.15 but All Bar One is staying open until midnight for us, so there will be plenty of time to catch up with fellow parents.

We are delighted that over 130 parents and staff are attending, so All Bar One will be pretty full. However, we can probably squeeze in a couple more if you are keen to come. Please speak to Sian Gates or your class rep ASAP.

After School Care until 18.00

We have been exploring various possible providers and options for After School Care. Please look out for a separate email which will be sent tomorrow.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45, Reception and Year 1AD 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 24 January	Parents' Prayers	08:50	Music Room
Friday 24 January	Assembly	11:15	Church
Friday 24 January	Y5/Y6 Girls' Consortium Shield Hockey Tournament	13.30 – 16.00	Ferndale
Monday 27 January	Y3/Y4 Boys' Hockey v Newton Prep	14.15 – 15.45	Newton Prep School
Monday 27 January	Y4 Royal Academy of Music Trip	09.30 – 15.00	RAM
Tuesday 28 January	Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v The Roche	13.30 – 15.30	Ferndale
Wednesday 29 January	Film Night - Y2 to Y6	15:45 – 18:00	Church
Wednesday 29 January	Y5/Y6 Girls' Football Tournament – Alleyns 'A' team only	13.30 – 15.30	Alleyns School
Thursday 30 January	POD Quiz Night	19.00	All Bar One