



27 February 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I do hope everyone enjoyed a splendid break. It is always so important to have family time, to feel refreshed and reconnected. As we start the season of Lent, our Year 6 pupils are devising exciting ways to fundraise for our chosen charity, Tearfund. Watch out for further information.

## DT Day - The Great Arctic Sled Challenge



We ended our first half term in the Upper School with a thoroughly enjoyable and challenging design technology day. The whole school gathered in the morning to hear the extraordinary adventures of George Bullard- a modern day, record breaking explorer. Leaving the children with a renewed passion for the outdoors, he

set them the challenge of designing a new sled for his up and coming 'Dark Ice Project'. There was no shortage of enthusiasm as mixed groups set upon the task of designing and creating a prototype sled. Using George's expert tips, research and ingenuity, the pupils worked towards the testing and judging phase. With the miracle of modern technology, George was beamed onto the big screen live from the Serpentine to give his final verdict on the best designed sled and to choose the top 5 designs to make it through to the testing phase. This phase involved a multi-terrain track pulled by a cable and pulley system. There was great drama and excitement as the winners in the various categories were announced. In the end, Team 'Snow Extreme' won both George's choice and the terrain challenge. A third prize went to Team 'Sledy' for the most beautiful design.



## DT Day





## Reception Diamonds International Day

To celebrate the end of our World and Me topic, each child in Reception Diamonds came into school dressed as someone from their special place. We had representatives from places as far flung as Colombia, Canada and Sweden. We also had some home-based costumes from Cornwall and the Isle of Wight. Everyone was able to say why their place was special to them and show something from their special box. Some children explained that their chosen place was special because they had been there lots of times, some said it was because their grandparents live there and others said a family member had brought them something back from there. Even the adults in Reception dressed up. A fantastic day was had by all to celebrate the differences between us.



## RSPB Birdwatch



Years 3-6 were actively involved in gathering data for the RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch recently. Despite the threatening grey clouds, the keen bird watchers donned their wet weather gear and quietly stepped out to our school garden and the common, to carefully listen for, and watch for birds. At the same time, they diligently identified and recorded the numbers to later input the data into the national survey, online. What an array of song, feathers and delight! We identified: blackbirds and pigeons, magpies and robins, finches and tits, as well as a flock of gulls and two particularly pretty parakeets! We have been rewarded with a certificate for our 'citizenship science' and look forward to hearing about the combined results from the nationwide survey in the next month or two. Keep your eyes peeled!

## Year 2 Sapphires – Geography

Year 2 Sapphires have begun their geography unit 'Magical Mapping'. We ventured out to explore the local area and complete our own map. We used compasses to work out how to describe the locations of different landmarks – Wandsworth Common and Clapham Junction.



## World Book Day - Thursday 5 March

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day as a school. The children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character and are invited to bring along the book associated with their chosen character.

Throughout the morning there will be various activities celebrating literature and the importance of reading.

We would be ever so grateful if you could bring any books for the sale into school tomorrow, Monday or Tuesday morning, when our POD team will be happy to receive donations.



The Book Sale will run during the school day for the children, but in previous years, we have had a surplus. If this happens again, we intend to sell the remaining books on Friday 6 March after school in the Church, so come along to grab a bargain book!

A reminder that children need to bring £1 to buy a book. The money collected will go to Tearfund, our Lent charity.

### **Coronavirus**

As mentioned before, we are carefully monitoring the advice and guidance about the Coronavirus given by Public Health England.

As a school we continue to promote good hygiene, including regular handwashing and not spreading coughs and sneezes, which is good practice to reduce risk. While being prudent, we will not promote panic, and I will write to you again, if there are changes to the advice for educational establishments.

### **Wednesday 26 February Y5/Y6 Boys' Hockey v Newton Prep**

All four of the boys' teams played amazingly well. We finished with one win, two losses and a draw. A special mention goes to goal scorer Tijmen, and also Theo, Alberto, Costa and Steven for their strong all round performances.

### **Reminder**

#### **Second Hand Uniform Sale - Friday 6 March**

If you have not already dropped your second hand uniform into the school office, please do so by Thursday 5 March for the sale on Friday 6 March at 15:25 – 16:00 in the hall. It would be so helpful if name tags could be removed so that future confusion is avoided. Thank you!

### **Assembly – Year 1**

Please make a note that our Assembly on Friday 13 March will be led by Year 1.

### **Tomorrow**

In Assembly, Year 6 children will become School Captains, and all parents are warmly invited.

It is the turn of Reception and Y1CB parents to visit classrooms. Parent Prayers will take place as usual at 08.50 in the Music Room.

With best wishes



**Mrs N S Baldwin**  
**Principal**

**Forthcoming events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Friday 28 February	Parent Prayers	08.50	Music Room
Friday 28 February	Assembly	11.15	Church
Monday 2 March	Y3 Boys' Tag Rugby Tournament (A Team)	13.00 – 16.00	Battersea Ironsides
Tuesday 3 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews	16:30 onwards	School
Thursday 5 March	Parent-Teacher Interviews	16:30 onwards	School
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day	During the day	School
Friday 6 March	Y5/Y6 Girls' Football v Honeywell	13.30 – 15.30	Wandsworth Common (home)
Friday 6 March	Y5/Y6 Boys' Hockey v Oakfield	13.30 – 15.45	Ferndale
Friday 6 March	Uniform Sale	15.25 – 16.00	Hall
Wed 11 - Fri 13 March	Hooke Court (Year 6)		Residential Trip
Thurs 19 and Fri 20 March	The Mill (Year 4)		Residential Trip
Tuesday 24 March	Art Exhibition (Reception - Year 2 Parents)	14:45 - 15:30	Hall
Wednesday 25 March	Art Exhibition (Year 3 - Year 6 Parents)	13:30 - 14:15	Hall
Wednesday 25 March	Dolphin Concert (Year 3 - Year 6)	14.20 - 15.20	Church
Thursday 26 March	Art Exhibition (All Parents)	08.30-09.15	Hall
Thursday 26 March	Assembly	11.40	Church
Thursday 26 March	End of term	12:30	School