



15 October 2020

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of our first half term there is much to be thankful for and to celebrate. It has been a joy to have all classes back in school and to see our children engaging so readily in their learning. The bright, crisp autumn days have encouraged lots of activity in the school garden. It has been splendid to see the children enjoying planting and digging and exploring the natural world. As well as school life continuing positively, it has been rewarding to see children's thoughtfulness and concern for others guiding their actions, whether supporting classmates through challenging times, showing their appreciation for the efforts of others, or when bringing Harvest gifts for the Wandsworth Foodbank which some of our kind parents then transported.

Thank you to all our families for the support that has been shown as we have all adapted to the new routines and restrictions. The staggered entry and dismissal times are working well, thanks to your understanding and adaptability. We are looking forward to building on the successful way in which all classes have returned to school, to ensure that in a safe and measured manner our children can enjoy even more opportunities next half term. Some year group 'bubble' clubs will be offered and we are already planning how the school will celebrate Christmas. The wonderful way our whole school community has pulled together to make the best of challenging circumstances has been fantastic. Thank you parents, pupils and staff for your great efforts over the last two months.

### **Uniform after Half Term**

Returning to school in the time of COVID-19 has presented its fair share of challenges. Uniform has been one of those challenges. We have intentionally been lenient on some aspects of uniform to allow for flexibility where flexibility is needed. As we fall back into school rhythm we would like to implement the following, especially as the weather is increasingly variable:

- **Wellington boots-** All pupils in Upper and Lower School must have a pair of navy or black wellingtons in school at all times.
- **Coats/Fleece-** All pupils must have their Dolphin fleece or rain jacket in school with them each day. The Blazers cannot be washed (only dry cleaned) therefore making them unsuitable for regular use at the current time.
- **Winter Uniform-** After the half term break, pupils will need to wear the Winter school uniform (please do not mix aspects of the summer uniform) on non-PE days. On PE days they should continue to arrive in PE kit. For details of the

official uniform, please check the uniform list on the school website by clicking [here](#).

- **Change to Footwear-** In order to protect school shoes, after the half term break, pupils will be asked to wear their school shoes to and from school, regardless of PE lessons, each day. We would ask that all pupils have their trainers and wellington boots in school at all times.
- **Book bags and Backpacks -** We are also going to refine our use of book bags and backpacks. From Monday 2 November we will ask that all pupils use only their **Dolphin School backpacks** to carry their lunches, water bottles and (on Monday and Fridays) book bags and Dolphin track suits. The backpacks can be sprayed or wiped down regularly and, if necessary, be washed. School book bags rather than the paper folders, will be used on Mondays and Fridays to transport homework and reading books. This is closer to our usual practice.
- **Change to break time clothing-** In order to protect school uniform from getting muddy, we are asking all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 to bring in a school tracksuit top and bottom to pull over their school uniform. This track suit will be brought in on a Monday, stay in school until Friday, when it will be brought home to be washed. Note: Peter Jones have now restocked their Royal Blue Jogging bottoms for the older years, unfortunately they have a delay in stocking their smaller sizes. If your child's size is out of stock and you need to purchase jogging bottoms, 'Royal Blue Jogging Bottoms' are readily available on various sites like Amazon and ebay. In these ways we are trying to find the best solution, within current restrictions, to ensure that at break times children can be running around without worrying about getting their uniform dirty, enjoying being active, carefree and happy.

## Umbrellas

*To be prepared is half  
the victory!*

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There is no such thing as terrible weather, only terrible preparation. We know that British winters can be somewhat 'challenging', but despite the unpredictable conditions you can always be prepared! Now, for a limited time only, you can 'chivalrously' ward off the elements with one of our sharp new "Something Brilliant" Dolphin golf umbrellas. These automatic accessories will not only keep you dry, but will elevate your heroic status in the eyes of your impressionable children! To purchase one of these must-have umbrellas at the low cost of £25, please pre-order by clicking on the link below.



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## Clubs

We have been working to see if we can safely bring back some clubs during this COVID season. We will be trialling a small selection of our bubble specific clubs after the half term. There will be 5 weeks wherein the clubs will run from the week commencing 2 November to the week commencing 30 November. For some of the clubs there will be a minimum number of pupils required in order to run the club. Please find attached the clubs list and full booking details.

Overview of clubs being trialled:

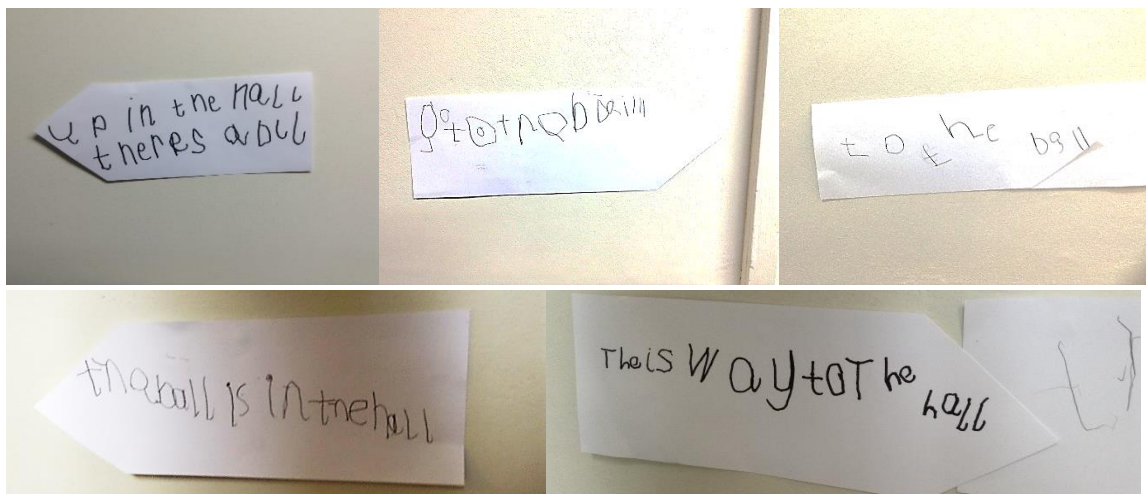
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<b>Morning Break</b>	Drawing (Y1) Minimum of 10 pupils	Drawing (Y2) Minimum of 10 pupils	Football (Y1)	Football (Y2)	
<b>Afternoon Break</b>		Art (Y5) Minimum of 10 pupils	Art (Y4) Minimum of 10 pupils	French (Y1) Minimum of 10 pupils	French (Y2) Minimum of 10 pupils
<b>After School</b>			Clay Club (Y3) Minimum of 10 pupils	Art (Y6) Minimum of 10 pupils	Dodgeball (Y5) Minimum of 10 pupils

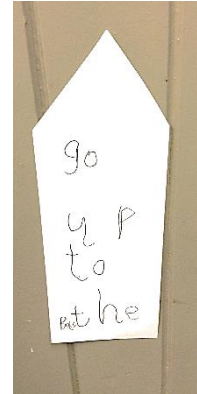
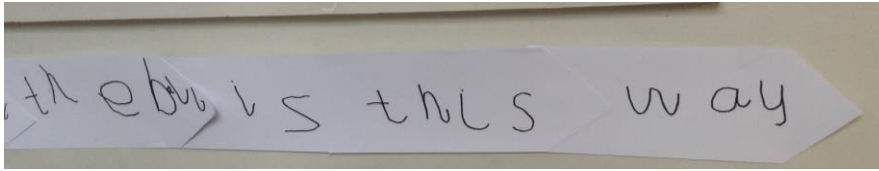
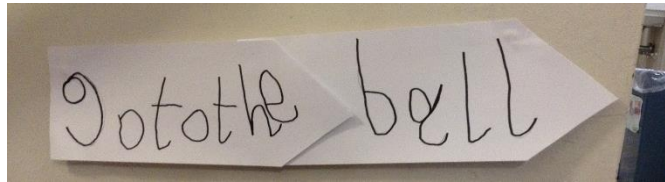
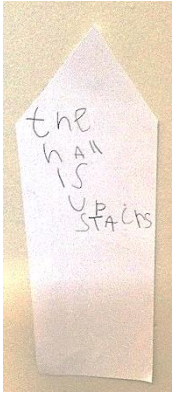
## Parent Teacher Interviews – Upper School

Upper School Parent Teacher interviews will take place during the weeks beginning 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. Sign up details will be sent out after half term.

## Reception Diamonds - Cinderella Ball Dance

This week in Reception Diamonds we have been eagerly awaiting the Cinderella Ball Dance to round off our Familiar Stories topic. We have discussed the key events in the story, described the main characters, made bunting and written invitations. Here are some signs to tell guests how to get to the ball. The rehearsals have been enchanting and the anticipation is now almost at fever pitch!





### **Year 4 Emeralds**

Our sparkling, empathic Emeralds were so inspired by their study of Buddha's conviction to end suffering, they designed recipes to achieve happiness. We're pretty confident these will make you smile 😊

#### **Happiness Recipe by Kitty**

##### Ingredients

- 2 bins full of joy
- 3 dice full of love
- 5 houses full of patience
- 10 rucksacks full of forgiveness
- 1 world full of sacrifice

##### Directions

1. Mix joy with love
2. Add sacrifice to your mixture
3. Bake with forgiveness
4. Take out of the oven and sprinkle with patience
5. ENJOY!

#### **Happiness Recipe by George**

- A colossal bucket full of footballs
  - A giant bag full of penguins
  - A case full of meerkats
  - A galaxy full of holidays
  - A sky full of colouring pencils
  - A cloud full of Dolphin School
  - A classroom full of books
  - A planet full of cuddly toys
- Mix carefully and add a sprinkle of Lego.

May I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

With best wishes

*N. S. Baldwin*

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