



5 November 2020

Dear Parents,

As we enter another period of lockdown due to the pandemic, I would like to focus, not on the doom and gloom but on some of the real positives in school. First of all it is great that school is open! It is super that a number of school clubs are operating, that we still have happy, engaged children who are loving learning, and that our school community is fit and well.

There are so many instances where we can celebrate the resilience and “can do” attitude of our Dolphin community, not least in the united support from parents and staff which enables our children to flourish.

Parents’ Prayers

It was lovely to be able to have Parents’ Prayers again before half term, and to have the beautiful common as our new setting. With our new lockdown restrictions, we are sadly unable to continue to meet in this way for the time being. However, we can of course pray at home anyway. Some pointers for your prayers if you would like them:

- The health of all in our community
- Those going through particularly challenging times
- Year 6 Aquamarines as they attend secondary school interviews, and prepare for entrance tests

Echoing the sentiments expressed earlier, we can be thankful for so much:

- The crisp autumn sunshine
- The school garden which is bursting with herbs and winter flowering plants such as pansies, cyclamen and heathers
- Pupils’ ‘joie de vivre’ and enjoyment of their work and friendships

and so much besides!

Poppies for Remembrance

Poppies from the British Legion will be available in classrooms from tomorrow (Friday). This year, in order to keep everyone safe, poppies will not be available at the door, instead, please tell your child how many poppies you would like, and send in your donation with them.

School Photographs

The school photographs will be sent home with your child on Friday, please do check their bag.

Class Assemblies

We are delighted to announce that there will be two remote class assemblies this half term. These will be available on the Parent Portal section of the school website.

Year 3's assembly will be available on Friday 20 November and Year 5's on Friday 27 November.

Umbrellas


'Weather the storm in comfort.' *ig aint*

We are pleased to say that the **NEW Dolphin umbrellas have arrived!**

This is just in time to protect you from the inclement wintery weather that has arrived and, who knows, perhaps their magnificence may ward off the looming COVID-19 bug! For those families that have pre ordered, please could you pay Dolphin School via bank transfer and the umbrella(s) will be sent home with your child. If there are any families who did not pre-order, but would like one, there are still a limited number of umbrellas available. If you are interested, please send an email to Mrs Saunders.

The details are as follows:

COST: £25	BANK: Natwest
Account Number: 22 11 95 31	Sort Code: 50-21-01

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Reception Diamonds - Ball

We held our annual Reception Ball Dance on the last day of the first half of the Autumn term. Everyone dressed up to the nines and had rehearsed their dance until it was just right. The hall was decorated with bunting, some staff had been invited and the ball began with many a curtsy and a bow. Some solo, some partner and some group dances ensued until everyone was ready to take off their dancing shoes. It was a lovely way for the Diamonds to end their first half term at Dolphin.





Year 2 Sapphires – History

Year 2 Sapphires have begun to learn about monarchs in History. In the first lesson we considered what the role of a monarch has been over different periods of time and what it is today. We also thought about some rules we might come up with if we were the Queen or King today. There were some interesting rules, including that everyone must have a cat or a puppy and some very thoughtful ones such as all homeless people should be given a home. Here are a few of our Kings and Queens dressed up!



Year 3 Rubies - Science



To finish our Science topic with a bang, and put into practice all that we had learnt about the structure of volcanoes, we built our own volcanoes out of clay before making them erupt using bicarbonate of soda, food colouring and vinegar. It was brilliant fun to be able to see our learning come to life in such a foamy and rather smelly way!



Year 6 Aquamarines - Computing

The Year 6 tech whizzes had brilliant fun creating their own interactive adventure stories, complete with links following different story paths. This took a lot of logic and de-bugging, but the results were fantastic. Year 6 really enjoyed going on each other's adventures!



With best wishes for continued good health and good spirits.

Yours sincerely

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