



3 December 2020

Dear Parents,

This week at Dolphin it has been as if a mass of jigsaw pieces are coming together as the individual parts of our Celebration of Christmas are polished and put in place. We feel that the sum of the parts is going to be a brilliant whole school collaboration which we are looking forward to sharing with your next Wednesday. All of our children are involved in bringing a wonderful retelling of the nativity story to life, through drama, singing, poetry and prose. The parents' choir will also feature. It is lovely that so many of our parents have volunteered this year to take part. Thank you for embracing this remote musical challenge.

### **Celebration of Christmas - details**

We are looking forward to celebrating the warmth and goodness of Christmas in our special online production. It will be streamed at 19.00 on Wednesday 9 December and can be accessed through the password protected parent portal on the website (password: Vision2021). On the night, simply go to the 'Photo and Video' tab and click on 'Christmas Celebration 2020'. There you will find a link through which to watch the production. It is our hope that the whole community can join together to see it as it is streamed. However, if you are not able to view it at that time, it will remain available for families to watch.

### **Parents' Prayers**

We are delighted that the lifting of full lockdown restrictions means we can continue our socially distanced COVID-19-friendly outdoor Parents' Prayers on the common. If you would like to join in thanksgiving for the past term and pray for the weeks ahead, do join us on Wandsworth Common opposite the top of Wakehurst Road by 9:10 tomorrow morning. If you arrive later than that you are still welcome to join in. We will have walked over to the big log near the railway line. Prayers will conclude at 9.30. Please wrap up warmly and have your umbrella at the ready!

### **Cold Weather Uniform**

The weather is quickly turning to frostier mornings and crisper days. We have noticed an array of home accessories coming into school with the pupils. Could we ask that all families ensure that their children have the proper Dolphin uniform, especially gloves, hats, scarves and shoes.

### **Gum Shields**

Please take note that next 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.

### **Information for Spring Term Clubs**

Please find attached the Spring term club letters. You will find all the details you will need to book directly with the individual clubs.

### **Staff News**

From January, Mrs Ramdhany (Teaching Assistant) is seconded for two terms to Noah's Ark due to the increase in nursery pupil numbers. She has been a great support at Dolphin, having previously been at Noah's Ark, and we are delighted that she has the flexibility to work across age groups in Dolphin School Trust.

### **Upper School – Art**

These last two weeks the Upper School pupils have enjoyed experimenting with clay, learning to roll it, attach and shape it, to create faces that display different hairstyles, characteristics, and expressions. They then painted their creations in acrylic paints and finished them off with PVA glue to add a bit of shine. The pupils are all looking forward to bringing their creations home at the end of the week but here is a snapshot of some of their wonderful work.







**Reminder – Class Christmas Cards**

Monday 7 December is the last day for children to bring in Christmas cards which will be given out on the final day of term.

**Reminder - Final Day Dismissal Times**

Please remember we will be staggering our dismissal times on the final day, Thursday 10 December, as follows:

Time	Year	Door
12.00	Reception	Northcote
12.05	Year 1CB	Gate
12.05	Year 1SS	Wakehurst
12.10	Year 2	Northcote
12.15	Year 3	Gate
12.25	Year 4	Gate
12.30	Year 5	Wakehurst
12.30	Year 6	Northcote

With best wishes for your continued good health and good spirits.

Yours sincerely

*N. S. Baldwin*

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