



18 March 2021

Dear Parents,

Signs of spring are abounding! There is much excitement from having the chicks in school and watching them emerge from their eggs. New birth is a captivating concept for us all and Year 2 pupils have been delighted and absorbed in following the process.

In our garden, the buds are forming and green shoots are poking through the soil. It is with eager anticipation that we await what is to come. How apt in Lent, a season of reflection and preparation, that in school we too are preparing for new life and new learning.

### Staff News

It is a pleasure to share with you the news that Mrs Keenan is expecting her second baby in July. We are delighted for her and her husband as they prepare to welcome a new addition to their family.

### Parent Teacher interviews

Thank you for signing up for your Parent Teacher interviews. These are such a valuable part of our home/school partnership.

### Final Day Dismissal Times

Please note that we will be staggering our dismissal times on the final day, Thursday 25 March, 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

## **Noah's Ark at Dolphin**

From September 2021 we are excited to be having one of our Noah's Ark nurseries joining us on site at Dolphin. Do click [here](#) for a sneak preview.

## **Information for Summer Term Clubs**

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

## **Reminder – Parent Consultation: Draft Relationship and Health Education Policy**

Please remember to submit your feedback/comments on the RHE policy recently emailed to all parents by clicking [here](#) before Friday 26 March.

## **Year 1 Pearls**

This week Year 1 Pearls had some special virtual visitors from Battersea Library. The visitors led an exciting online workshop using old maps, photographs and songs to explore the history of our local area. The Pearls discovered that there was once a stream and waterfall on Northcote Road which is now part of the underground sewers, and that our school was once surrounded by fields growing asparagus!



## **Year 2 Sapphires**

Year 2 Sapphires have been overjoyed with the hatching of the chicks over the last two weeks. We have enjoyed watching them grow and develop. Now they are even starting to get their white wing feathers. The children have been enthusiastic when taking turns to clean their brooder box.





### **Year 3 Rubies – Math Questions**

The Year 3 Rubies are certainly proving themselves to be magnificently, marvellous mathematicians, with some working extra hard to complete an additional challenge this week... to create their own time word problem!

How many of these word problems can you solve?

#### **Alexander:**

I start playing Minecraft at 12:47pm and stop at 2:15pm. How long have I played for?

#### **David:**

Sam can hold his breath for 1 minute 19 seconds. Chloe can hold her breath 15 seconds longer than Sam. How long can Chloe hold her breath?

#### **Evie:**

The Junior Bake Off programme starts at 5:30pm. It ends at 6:55pm. How long is the programme?

#### **Fumo:**

George's drama class starts at 1:20. He was twenty minutes late. What time did he arrive at his class?

#### **Holly:**

Benjamin's football class starts at 12:00pm and ends at 1:15pm. How long is his class?

#### **Kitty:**

The cinema for the film that Thomas is watching, opens at 7:15 in the evening. It takes 15 minutes to sign in, the film lasts 2 hours and 17 minutes. To drive home takes half an hour. How long does it take altogether?

**Sophia:**

I go to a shop at 10:45. It takes me 10 minutes to find all my things. It takes me 2 minutes to pay and 5 minutes to walk back home. How long will it take me in total? What time did I arrive at home?

**William:**

I played Minecraft and started at 6:30pm. I had 2 hours to play. When did I finish?

#### **Year 4 Emeralds**



Year 4 Emeralds were keen to learn about St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, on Wednesday. Kitty and Layla researched aspects about their Irish heritage and created a superb slideshow to share with the class which included: Irish dancing, food, music, stories, sports and a tricky quiz to check that we had been listening. Well done girls, we all learnt some fascinating facts about the Emerald Isle.

With best wishes,

*N. S. Baldwin*

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