



9 September 2021

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking the entire Dolphin and Noah's Ark community for their heart-felt and genuinely warm welcome to the school. Settling in has been made all the easier with friendly faces from the children, staff and parents.

I have been particularly impressed by the pupils, who have arrived happy, bright-eyed and eager to return to the business of learning! They have been a delight to meet, whether at the morning door, in classrooms and corridors or playing football on Wandsworth Common. Clearly, their fervour and perseverance is to be celebrated at Dolphin School.

It was a pleasure to talk to parents from Year 6 at our first Meet the Head Session, and hear their positive messages and thoughts about the school and its journey ahead. I look forward to meeting the other year groups over the coming weeks.

On Tuesday 14 September, we will be holding our eagerly awaited Launch evening, where parents will meet their children's class teachers, hear from the Senior Team and later enjoy re-connecting with other parents over light refreshments. The evening runs from approximately 18.00 to 19.30.

Below are a few more short notices for your attention.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sam Gosden
Headteacher

Parent Portal Password

The password for our parent portal is Joy2122 as of today.

Open Mornings

The 12 October will see a return to our open mornings, with guests coming to view the school in its full glory. If you have any friends who might be interested in attending this informative event, please do ask them to book a place via the school website.

Parent Prayers

Parent prayers resume tomorrow from tomorrow 08.50. Please arrive in Reception to be signed in and meet Miss Clark who will accompany you to the music room.

Fixtures

Fixtures are returning to our calendar. Please do look out for our key dates and log into the calendar on our website using the new password. Good luck to everyone!

Covid-19 – What to do if you have a positive case

With the restrictions being lifted on schools, we will shortly publish a simple guide with how to respond to a positive case in your household. You will receive this in due course.

Upper School and Beyond

We have a new and updated edition of Upper School and Beyond which will be sent out via pupils in Year 3-4. If you were not able to attend our Get Ready event, this brochure will help give you an indication of the Dolphin Approach to getting ready for the 11+. If you would like a fresh copy, please see Mrs Saunders in the school office.

ICT Acceptable Usage Policy

The pupils have been discussing appropriate and sensible use of technology at Dolphin school and at home and have all signed an age-appropriate acceptable use agreement this week. If you would like to know more about this, please do ask the office.

Year 6 – Independent Secondary School Reference

As we look ahead to writing references for our Year 6 children for independent secondary schools, may we ask that you help us to gain the broadest picture of your child by completing the google form <https://forms.gle/khF9uvF99DJ13UbD9> telling us about all interests, hobbies and sporting / cultural / creative / musical activities. Please include any grades / levels attained, if relevant.

Friday mornings – Lower School

Parents of children in the Lower School are invited to pop down to their child's classroom between 08:30 and 08:45 on Friday mornings according to the following schedule:

Friday 24 September	Year 2 Sapphires
Friday 1 October	Year 1 Pearls
Friday 8 October	Reception Diamonds
Friday 15 October	Year 2 Sapphires
Friday 5 November	Year 1 Pearls
Friday 12 November	Reception Diamonds
Friday 19 November	Year 2 Sapphires
Friday 26 November	Year 1 Pearls
Friday 3 December	Reception Diamonds

Upcoming Events and Sporting Fixtures

Summer or Winter uniform until half term			
Date	Event	Time	Venue
Tuesday 14 September	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v Rutherford	14.00	Home – Wandsworth Common
Tuesday 14 September	Dolphin Launch	18:00 - 19:30	Church
Mon 13 - Fri 17 Sept	Year 6 Secondary School Meetings	Various	School
Thursday 16 September	Meet the Head – Year 4	18:00	Hall
Mon 20 Sept - Wed 29 Sept	Year 5 Secondary School Meetings	Various	School
Tuesday 21 September	Meet the Head – Year 3	18:00	Hall
Thursday 23 September	Meet the Head – Year 2	18:00	Hall
Friday 24 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	08:45 - 09:30	School
Friday 24 September	Harvest Celebration Assembly	11:15	Church
Friday 24 September	Y5/Y6 Girls' Football v The Roche	14:15	Home - Wandsworth Common
Friday 24 September	Y5/Y6 Boys' Football v The Roche	14:15	Home - Wandsworth Common
Tuesday 28 September	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football Consortium Shield Tournament	13.30	Home – Wandsworth Common
Tuesday 28 September	Meet the Head – Year 1	18:00	Hall
Thursday 30 September	Meet the Head – Reception	18:00	Hall
Friday 1 October	Y5/Y6 Boys' Consortium Shield Football tournament	13.30	Home – Wandsworth Common
Tuesday 5 October	Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v Alleyn's	14:00	Alleyn's School
Thursday 7 October	National Poetry Day		School
Thursday 7 October	Reading Information Session (Lower School Parents)	08.45 - 10.00	Hall
Friday 8 October	Y4-Y6 Rosemead Cross Country	12.30	Rosemead School
Tuesday 12 October	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v The Roche	13:45	Home - Wandsworth Common
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HALF TERM 18 October – 29 October			

News from around the school

Noah's Ark Dolphin Nursery

Here are a selection of photos showing how the children at Noah's Ark Dolphin have settled into their new learning environment.

We have been very impressed by their enthusiastic and imaginative play. Lots of discoveries have been made, including different ways of cutting, fitting things inside each other and what happens when you paint over chalk marks with water. New songs have been enjoyed and musical instruments played along with them, sometimes while marching round the room!

Storytime at the end of each session has been a fun time to listen and join in with sound effects, actions and rhymes.



Reception Diamonds

Reception Diamonds have been enjoying their first few days in school. They have been exploring their learning environment, making new friends and trying out a range of fun activities.



Year 1 Pearls - DIY

Year 1 Pearls have been enjoying some DIY training with Mr Southworth!

This term our topic is called “We all have a responsibility to make our school work”. As well as looking at our own responsibilities, we are also finding out about the jobs other people have at Dolphin School. Mr Southworth demonstrated a wide range of tools, and explained how he used each one to fix and build things. He told them that his first project was a bike, which he put together when he was a child. He has also refurbished a boat and restored a 1966 Beetle car. He’s now working on his latest project – a 35 foot yacht – which he says is proving to be the most difficult!



Mr Southworth also talked about his ‘second’ job as the school lollipop man.

The children sat in rapt attention, and were extremely keen to have a go at handling the tools when he had finished.

They asked him lots of questions.

"Do you like building?" Archie

"How do you fit in two jobs at a time?" Kezia

"How do you fix things?" Gikeno

"Have you always wanted to be a builder?" Timothy

"Can you demonstrate how to build some stuff for us?" Sam

A special mention has to go to Kezia who surprised us all with her extensive (for Year 1!) DIY knowledge. She recognised the glue gun used for sealing baths, and the plunger, and she was also able to explain that the spirit level can be used to put up pictures.

At the end we spent a bit of time thinking about things we can do in order to make Mr Southworth's job easier.

Year 3 Rubies

What budding gardeners the Year 3 Rubies are! When Mrs Benson reminded us that the plants needed extra watering in this hot weather, the Rubies jumped at the chance to help out.



We had a wonderful time watering the plants in the sun, and this got us thinking about our theme for the year: 'Celebration and Joy'. It brought us all much joy to be watering the plants and helping them to grow, and the fact that we have a beautiful garden is definitely something to celebrate!

Year 4 Emeralds - Mathematics



What a fantastic buzz in Year 4 today! Paired up, our keen pupils industriously investigated Number Bonds to 100. Starting with the manipulation of Cuisenaire rods to solve simple problems, we looked for and discussed the patterns and generalisations

that evolved. Following that, we sketched the outcomes before moving on to more formal notations, using digits to represent the amounts.

What a superb start to a new year of marvellous Maths – keep shining extraordinary Emeralds!

Please click [here](#) to go to our website to view more photos of all the above learning enrichment.