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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 30th January	Tour of new school - booking required
Wednesday 1st February	Tour of new school - booking required
7 & 8 February	1D parents evenings
Friday 3rd February	Tour of new school - booking required
Monday 13th - Friday 17 February	Half term
Tuesday 28th February	PTA meeting at Bishops - 7:30pm
7 & 8 March	Parents evenings for other year groups
Friday 31st March	School finishes for Easter. Children will finish at 3:20pm
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April	Inset Days for moving into the new school
Monday 24th April	Inset Day - families will be invited to view the new school (more details to follow)
Tuesday 25th April	School starts
Saturday 6th May	Spring Fair - 11:30am-4pm

Dear Families,

We have had another few fun packed weeks.

Firstly there is the mystery of the missing cake. The lovely Year 2 children gave me a cake to welcome me to the school, but it disappeared and all that was left is the crumbs! Who can the cake thief be? Year 4 did an amazing assembly about their learning in class. I was really proud of them as they designed, wrote and created the whole assembly.



I have had some great meetings this week. A huge thank you to Colston's Girls' School for agreeing that we can use their Tennis Courts for some of our P.E. sessions and playtimes when we move to the new school. We are planning exciting ways the two schools can work together. We have also had the team from the Scrapstore come and have a look at our outside areas to give us great suggestions on how to use the space. Finally we are going to pilot a new curriculum which has been written for Bristol. The majority of the children's history, geography, science, arts and music can be delivered around things in Bristol. More exciting details to follow!

I look forward to seeing you on the tours next week. There are a few spaces left so please sign up with Mrs Heath if you wish to come.

Finally please can parents be mindful of the parking around the schools. Our local PCSO and traffic warden have been at the Fairlawn school over the past two weeks and have booked 4 families for parking on the zigzag lines. It is really important these are not used as this is the safe space for the children to get off their bikes, and also where the children come out of the school gate. Please also be mindful when opening car doors that you don't knock into a cyclist. Finally please do not block the local residents drives – understandably we have had some unhappy local residents when they cannot get out of their houses.

Next week is Story-telling week. We have bedtime stories, a local author visit and a book fair. I hope you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards

Shelley Dixon
Headteacher

Parents Evenings

7 & 8 Feb - Parents Evening 1D

7 & 8 March - Parents Evening all other year groups

Sign up sheets will be available with the class teachers from 6 February.

Hats and Gloves

Please could you make sure you send your child to school with appropriate outdoor wear including hats and gloves during this cold weather. This is particularly important if they are using the walking bus.

Bead Strings

4B & Year 2 made bead strings for the whole school to use in their Maths lessons.



Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Active Kids Vouchers again this year. Vouchers can be dropped off at either reception.

Childcare During Easter Holidays

We have explored options with our local provider but unfortunately they are unable to provide any childcare provision at school for the Easter holidays or extra Inset days in April.

French Day At Fairlawn Site

What a wonderful day we had on French Day this week! All children in years 1-4 had a pop-up French cafe visit their classroom during the day and they ordered croissants and hot chocolate using the French they have learned - everyone said they were *delicieux*!



The children have loved having French visitor Marion in their classes this week - she has delivered fun and engaging lessons to all the children this week, and in French assembly on Wednesday they compared the towns of Bristol and Bordeaux and found lots of things in common between the cities.

Did you know we are celebrating 70 years of the Bristol Bordeaux exchange this year? We were twinned with Bordeaux in 1947 and an estimated 30,000 students have taken part in exchanges with the French city of Bordeaux since it started. The Dolphin School is one of just six lucky primary schools in Bristol who host a Bordeaux University masters student each year, and we always have a lot of fun during their visits!

Reception French Day with Boston Tea Party

The best is yet to come for our Reception classes who have a visiting chef from our local Boston Tea Party coming to make croissants in their class! We are all very excited about this event and Boston Tea Party have been so generous to come and share their skills and knowledge with our children.



PTA News

At the PTA Annual General Meeting last week we welcomed Mrs Crisp as our new Chair. Anna teaches class RS, job sharing with Mrs Davies, having joined Dolphin in September fresh from maternity leave. She and her family are already regulars at PTA events so most of you will recognise her even if you aren't at the Dolphin site. Anna's photo will be on the PTA pages of the school website soon.

A huge thank you to Rob for all his guidance and hard work as Chair over the last two years.

Thank you to Miss Dixon for coming to the AGM. We set the date of the **Spring Fair and official opening of our new school site for Saturday 6th May from 1130- 4**. Put it in your diaries now! It will very much be a school-PTA collaboration and a fantastic chance for the whole school community to get involved. Watch this space!

Charlotte has agreed to continue as interim PTA Treasurer but we are sure that there are parents amongst you who could take on all or part of the role. You don't have to come to all the meetings - we would really welcome your help. Speak to Charlotte or email her at charlottebelling@hotmail.co.uk

Finally, another huge thank you to **YOU**, for all the ways in which you got involved in the Christmas fair and tree sale: we raised over £500. This has not only gone towards the cost of a sound system for the playground, but also bought the children's hot chocolate and snacks for French Day this week and bedtime stories this coming Monday.

The PTA team

National Storytelling Week

We will be celebrating National Storytelling Week next week at The Dolphin School.

Key events to look out for are as follows:

Monday 30th: Bedtime story evening for all years at the Fairlawn site 5-6pm.

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st: We will be working with Usborne Books to hold a small book fair between 3:20-3:45pm in the Fairlawn site playground. Please come and have a browse!

Wednesday 1st: Local children's author Mark Lemon do an assembly for the whole school and to work with our year 3 classes.

As well as this, we will be running our **sponsored read** all week - please keep collecting those sponsors to help us fill our new library!