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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 7th July	Coffee with Mrs Triggol and 1GB assembly
Monday 11th July	Reception Open Top Bus Tour
Friday 15th July	Coffee with Mrs Triggol and 3C assembly
Friday 22nd July	Row to Rio Day - dress down
Friday 22nd July	End of term
Monday 25th July - Friday 5th August	Holiday Clubs
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September	INSET days

Did you know ..

90% attendance is like having a day off every 2 weeks.

Dear All,

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Wednesday coffee mornings. I hope you enjoyed meeting our new Dolphin head teacher and deputy head teacher this week. I hope lots of you enjoyed meeting the new staff that are starting here in September as they have been in school this week. It has also been lovely to see so many parents at the class assemblies; the children have been able to share their learning with you all and have sung beautifully. We still have the delights of 1GB's assembly, next week and 3C's the following week.



Many of you have been asking to speak to Mrs Triggol. She has not been in school this week as she is poorly and is not due to return to school until the last week of term. I am always available at the Fairlawn site along with other members of the Senior Leadership Team or Mr Stilwell is available at the Dolphin site. Please come and see one of us in Mrs Triggol's absence.

The decision has been made to mix the Reception classes as they enter year 1. It has also been decided to mix up the year 2 classes as they enter year 3 and key stage 2. There have been a number of trial sessions with these groups in different settings and during different lessons. These new classes are balanced in ability, gender and friendship groups. The children's new, year 3 classes are displayed on the main door at Fairlawn and Mr Stilwell and Mrs Best will be able to tell Reception parents about their child's new class.

As many of you are aware the NUT union is asking its members to strike on Tuesday. However this will not affect The Dolphin School and we will be open as normal.

Have a lovely weekend, let's hope the sunshine returns!

Leanne Gregory



Year 3 Seed Experiment

Year 3 have conducted an experiment with two sets of rocket seeds - one has been into space whereas the other has not. Over the next four weeks we are going to keep detailed seed diaries to record and monitor the progress of the two seeds which are named 'red' and 'blue'.



Row to Rio Day

Friday 22nd July will be a dress down day for Row to Rio with money going to MacMillan Cancer Support.

<http://www.row2rio2016.co.uk/>

Summer Holiday Clubs

Bookings for the Summer Holiday Clubs should be submitted before 8th July.

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We have a visitor from Germany!

This month we have been very lucky to have a real German teddy bear visiting us from our project partner school in the small village of Stahringen, in Germany.

Alex the bear is visiting the Year 1-3 classes and telling them about his country, while we teach him about our country.

Our English teddy bear Ben is visiting their school, which is situated near the Swiss border in southern Germany, and both schools will be updating our own project blog with information and pictures of the bears as they explore each others' schools. The bears will also visit a few lucky children at home and bring back pictures and stories to share about the adventures they have had.

You can have a look online and find out what the bears have been up to, as well as all sorts of cultural information, language activities and fun games at: <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/kids-uk>



Nuts in School

We are a nut free school. Please make sure packed lunches and snacks for after school clubs do not contain nuts or products with nuts in.



Build Update

Works at the Dolphin site are still on schedule and the past three weeks has seen some good progress. Incoming gas and electric supplies to the new School have been installed, brickwork has been built full height on many elevations and large areas of external walls are now ready for the top coat of render.

Internally, classrooms and corridors on the top floor are now ready to receive the first coat of paint whilst the last few partitions on the ground floor are currently being built.

The photograph below shows partitions on the 1st floor of the admin block.



PTA News Funds

We've now completed the accounts for the Spring Fair and I'm very pleased to report that we made a net profit of just over £2000! We'll be asking the school to make suggestions for projects we can fund, and consulting with parents, with a view to making a distribution early in the next school year.

Meetings & Social

We're experimenting with venues to see how it affects attendance.

If our use of a pub function room was stopping you from attending then please support your school by attending the next meeting (Tues 20th September) upstairs at the main Dolphin site.

Minutes from meetings and dates for future meetings are available on the school website.

There's a social event for parents planned for 21st July - details will be going out shortly but put the date in your diary. If you know any parents with children starting next year then please extend the invitation to them as well.

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