



NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October	Half term
Friday 16th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 3rd January	Inset Day
Wednesday 4th January	School returns
Monday 13th - Friday 17 February	Half term
Friday 31st March	School finishes for Easter
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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started October by celebrating the beginning of Black History Month with a great assembly on Monday afternoon. Thank you to Richard Stokes (parent governor) for organising this and pulling together a talented and knowledgeable team of people to deliver.

The children and new staff have now fully settled into life at The Dolphin School and I am looking forward to my first meeting with the class reps on 19th October.

Just to remind you that Mrs Triggol's farewell is on Monday 10th October from 3:20pm - 4pm in the downstairs hall at Fairlawn. This will give parents an opportunity to say your goodbyes over a cup of tea.

As I am sure you are all aware; punctuality is an important part of attendance. Arriving at school on time and ready to learn helps with the smooth transitions at the start of the day.

Therefore, with effect from 31st October, we are introducing a much clearer start to the school day:

On the Fairlawn site:

8am - 8:10am: arrive for breakfast club. The gate will be shut at 8:10am so anyone arriving after this will need to wait until 8:30am.

8:30am: gate opens to welcome the children and parents for the start of the day

8:50am: the tambourine will ring, children will go into class and the gate will be shut.

Children arriving after 8:50am will need to sign in at the Gatehouse and will be marked as late in the register. Parents will need to wait with their child until an adult is available to take them to class.

The registers will close at 9:15am. Children arriving after this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

On the Dolphin site:

8am - 8:10am: arrive for breakfast club. The gate will be shut at 8:10am so anyone arriving after this will need to wait until 8:30am.

8:30am gate and classroom doors open.

8:45am classroom doors shut and registers open. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late and will need to wait in the school office area with their parents until they can be taken to class.

9:05am gates shut and children arriving after this time will be marked as authorised absence.



Heather Beach
Acting Head of School

Parking

The car park in front of The Dolphin School in Cheltenham Road is for the use of staff and visitors only. Please do not park there when dropping off or picking up your child or when attending coffee morning.

Parent Pay

Please clear any outstanding payments as soon as possible. Lunches and breakfast club payments are entered onto Parentpay weekly. New starters will receive a letter with log in details for Parent Pay.

Lost Property

It would be very helpful if parents could ensure that children's clothes are named, as so much unnamed lost property is being found at the moment.

At the end of each day, items which have been found in the Fairlawn playground and around the school will be put on the desk outside Ms Beach's office. If your child has lost anything, please ask a member of staff to take you to look through these items.

Until half term, unnamed lost property will be displayed on the playground on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, weather permitting. Any items which have not been claimed by half term will be given to the PTA to sell.

Bristol Family Cycling Centre

The Bristol Family Cycling Centre at Hengrove has launched its Autumn programme of sessions for children and adults.

The Centre has a range of traffic-free paths and tracks to allow children and adults to perfect their skills and abilities, regardless of age, ability or access needs.

Sessions are running most days and are a great way to get your children cycling in a fun and friendly atmosphere with Bikeability-trained cycle trainers.

New sessions this term include an after-school drop-in bike club, a weekly bike maintenance session for those aged 8-18, regular children's bike swaps, and learn-to-ride sessions for pre-schoolers and school-aged children. Adults can also learn to ride at the Centre or get their cycling confidence back in a supportive environment.

For further information contact emma.barracough@bristol.gov.uk or the Road Safety team on 0117 9224383 or visit our website for up-to-date information about session times and special events at www.betterbybike.info/familycyclingcentre.



European Day of Languages

European Day of Languages was a great success at Dolphin School last week and all the children had plenty of opportunity to try out new languages during the day. The daily registers were taken in many world languages. Year 2 looked at animal sounds in other countries, while year 3 matched flags and languages for 11 European countries. The highlight for years 1 and 4 was a visit from Colston's Girls school students who taught taster sessions on German and Arabic and lucky year 4 also got to try some tasty french patisseries.

C'était fantastique!

The winning poster competition entries have been on display around the school and they look fabulous. The winners are:

Shauna, 1D

Lily, 2P

Alexandros, 3S

Preet and Lavina 4B

Well done to everyone who entered!



PTA News - The Dolphin School Card Making Project

Do you want to send greetings cards designed by your own child? There is still time to create your design at home and bring to school to submit as part of this year's card making project, AND help to raise money for our school!

This is the ONLY way you will be able to create a greeting card made by your child through school this year. Greetings cards can be any type you like - for example: Christmas, Eid, Easter, blank, birthday..... Cards made this way will also raise funds for our school through the PTA (Parent Teacher Association).

The process is simple - create your design, collect order forms from the office at either Fairlawn or Dolphin site - or use the one sent home in book bags recently - complete the form, go online and place your order with payment, then attach the form to the back of your design and give it to your class teacher.

Deadline for online ordering is **13 October** though the APFS (Art Projects For Schools) website.

Please address any questions to Sarah Mellor who is coordinating the project: sarah.mellor@yahoo.co.uk