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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 26th September	European Day of Languages
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,

I can't believe we are at the end of week 3 this term already. Our Reception children are now in school full-time and it has been wonderful meeting our new families and getting to know our youngest pupils.

Some of you have asked about opportunities for your children to join a choir. Bristol Sings Music have a key stage 1 choir called the Mini Singers. This is a completely free opportunity and rehearsals are on a Monday from 4pm-4:45pm at Cathedral Primary School. There are a few flyers in the school office or you can contact Jessica on Jessica.maude-roxby@bristolplaysmusic.org to book your place.

I have also been asked about Children's University so wanted to share with you that we will be enrolling in March, ready for September 2017. More information can be found at www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

Transitions at the start and end of each day are very important so please can I ask that, when you hear the tambourine, you move off the playground as quickly as possible so that your children can go calmly into class and be ready to learn.

Mrs Triggol will be coming into school on Monday 10th October so say goodbye to the children. We will be having an assembly for her and then from 3:20pm-4pm, once you have collected your child, you are welcome to come and join her, governors and staff for refreshments in the hall downstairs at the Fairlawn site.

Heather Beach
Acting Head of School

European Day of Languages

What an amazing response we have had to the European Day of Languages Poster Competition!! It was such a hard job to choose just one winner per year group with so many fantastic creative entries. Winners have had their posters copied and displayed around the site, certificates in assembly on Friday and their names will appear on the website next week. We are all looking forward to Monday 26th when children will take part in a variety of language activities. Visiting language scholars from Colston's Girls school will be taking part in activities and a special assembly to celebrate all the wonderful languages we speak in the world.
Happy European day of Languages everyone!



Road Markings

Bristol City Council are re-marking some of the lines down Fairlawn Road on Monday and Tuesday of next week.
In order to minimise disruption to the school they are planning on carrying out the works between 9.30am and 2.30pm on both days.

Playground Toys

We are looking for small toy cars and plastic animals for the children to play with at lunchtime. Thank you.

Row to Rio Day

We raised £87 for the last day of the year's non-uniform day with money going to Row to Rio (Macmillan Cancer Support). Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Spare Underwear

It would be very helpful if parents of children starting in Reception could provide a complete set of spare clothes in case of accidents, especially spare underwear and socks.
All classes take spare underwear whenever there is learning outside the classroom. If your child arrives home in Dolphin School clothes, please return them to their class teacher.
If you have spare underwear or socks which your child has outgrown, we are always grateful for donations.

Reading with your child at home

We like to set high reading expectations for our children so we encourage you to read with your child for 15-20 minutes, 5 times a week. Miss Barnes our English Coordinator has put together some helpful prompts for you to support this.

Pupil Premium

We want to make sure all parents across the school have applied for this where appropriate. Pupil Premium does not just provide school dinners. If pupils are registered for this, we can buy extra resources, books and additional equipment. If a child registers for pupil premium in Reception, this equates to over £10k per pupil across their time in the school.

If you think you are eligible please speak to the office.

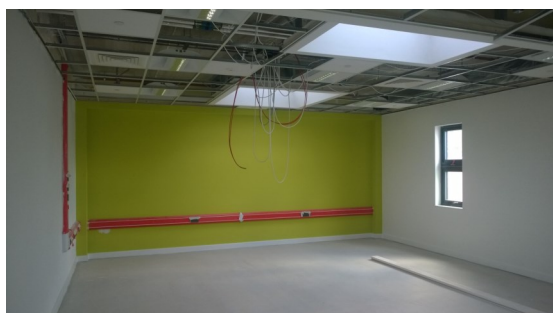
Mad Science!

On Monday the Year 3 and 4 children took part in an extraordinary assembly delivered by the lovely people from Mad Science. The children were amazed and assumptions challenged by the fun experiments such as 'Piezzo Popper' and 'Swoosh, woosh, ahhh' and we hope to have inspired many budding scientists in Key Stage 2. Please check your child's book bag for a letter with information about the Mad Science after school club which will be running on Wednesdays.



Absence From School

If your child is unwell please contact the office on 0117 910 8429 before 9am. Any planned medical appointments must be notified in advance. If you wish to take your child out of school for any other reason you must fill in a request for leave of absence form which is available from the office.



Emails to School

Please could you send emails for staff members to info@dolphinschool.bristol.sch.uk. Emails will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff who will either reply to your email or, if more appropriate, telephone you or speak to you in the playground.

PTA Update

There will be a PTA meeting on Tuesday 27th September at 7:30pm at dolphin site.

Parents' drinks social is Thursday 29th from 8pm at Bristol Flyer on Glos road.

Thanks to all families who supported the welcome picnic on Sunday 11th, and especially to Miss Dixon, Miss Beach, Miss Robinson and Mrs Crisp for being there to welcome new starters.

Also thank you to Kendall for welcoming parents to "tea and tissues" after the first drop offs.

We are very lucky to have Lizzy Pope as our first Reception class rep. It needs to be a team effort so we're looking for another happy volunteer please. Speak to Lizzy if you think you can help.

New Build Update

Good progress has continued at the new Dolphin School site and we achieved our project target for the summer by completing the external cladding on all elevations followed by the removal of scaffolding.

Activities on site during recent weeks include the installation of stair balustrade, kitchen equipment and toilet cubicles, and switching on power and lighting circuits.

We now await a new mains water connection in Bath Buildings so that we can test and commission the heating, domestic water and sprinkler systems.

This photograph shows the corridor on the first floor, leading to the Resource Centre.

The photograph to the left shows the progress of a year 5 classroom.



Start and End of School Day

Please make sure your child is in school before 9am. Lunch choices at Fairlawn site are made when the register is taken and if your child is not in class for registration they will miss the lunch register as well. School finishes on both sites at 3:20pm.

Parent Pay

Please clear any outstanding payments as soon as possible. Lunches and breakfast club payments are entered onto Parentpay weekly.