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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 22nd July	Row to Rio Day - dress down
Friday 22nd July	End of term
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September	INSET days
Monday 5th September	School returns
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October	Half term
Friday 16th December	Last day of term

Did you know ..

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to an end we should pause for a moment and reflect on the huge successes of our pupils and how much has been achieved this year. You will have all received your child's school report which not only outlines their academic progress but also reflects on their qualities and attributes as a learner. We feel it is very important to celebrate your child as a learner. We hope you found the report a helpful summary of your child's year.

The year passes quickly and it is easy to forget some of the big changes that have happened. We started the year spread over 3 sites knowing that it would all be worth it as the new build began to come out of the ground! At Easter the year 2 children moved up to Fairlawn allowing the Dolphin school to only be on 2 sites. This helped the children and staff enormously and created the feeling of a whole school community whilst also bringing the parents together. The buzz and excitement that came from the children as well as the staff due to this move was so lovely to see. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the whole Dolphin team for their huge dedication and massive commitment to all of the pupils this year. "Going the extra mile" really sums up each member of the team without whom we would not be able to provide the very best for every child.



The year progressed with an amazing spring fair with its own school band and capoeira dancers. The school has benefitted from a large amount of money raised from a hugely committed parents association this year. The coffee mornings on a Wednesday have been a huge success and have allowed families to meet and share cultures. We are hugely grateful for all the support we receive from parents and friends of the school. We recognise that it is with your support we can offer our pupils something special!



The Dolphin team are sending lots of best wishes to a number of staff as they move onto their new adventures. Mr Stilwell and Miss Crossman are leaving us to work in new schools from September. Mrs P and Mr Dobraszczyk, are off to sunnier climes to work, Miss Bathgate and Mr Whitehead are off to university and Miss Smart is off to be a TA in a new school. I am hugely grateful for the amount of work all of these staff have carried out this year with such dedication, enthusiasm, expertise and compassion. We will all miss them greatly but wish them luck for the future.

All that is now left for me to say is that it has been a privilege to work at The Dolphin School; the pupils, the team and the community will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you to everybody for your kind words and messages of encouragement, they are hugely appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer break. It's now time for you to enjoy your children!

Leanne Gregory

Cake Sale

Many thanks to Esme and Fern in Year 3 who recently held a cake sale at home. They raised £36.66 which was shared between the PTA and Bristol Children's' Hospital.



Uniform in KS2

A quick reminder that girls who are going into Year 3 and above are able to wear navy, pleated knee length skirts in addition to the usual pinafore dress. Girls in Reception to Year 2 should continue to wear the pinafore dress only.

Holiday Helpline for Family Support

If at any time over the holidays you feel you need support on any aspect of parenting or family life, call the Family Lives confidential and free* helpline service on 0808 800 2222 for information, advice, guidance and support. If the phone isn't answered first time, please try again. Family Lives will only break confidentiality if there is a life threatening situation, or a child or adult is felt to be at risk of significant harm.

** free from landlines and most mobiles*

Parent Pay

Please clear any outstanding payments before the end of August.

Build Update

Progress on site at the new Dolphin School over the past month has included the completion of external elevations which will now allow perimeter scaffolding to be taken down during the coming weeks.

Inside the building, we are moving forward with the final finishes as doors are now being fitted and floors being prepared ready for vinyl and carpet.



During the summer break, an external link bridge will be installed between the existing Dolphin playground and the New School. On completion, this link will provide an access route from 174 Cheltenham Road to the new early years classrooms.

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/>

