



The
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17th January
Wednesday 25th January
Monday 30th January
Wednesday 1st February
Friday 3rd February
Monday 13th - Friday 17 February
Friday 31st March
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April
Monday 24th April

Tuesday 25th April

PTA Elections and AGM - 7:30pm at The Dolphin School
French Day
Tour of new school - booking required (see page 3)
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Half term
School finishes for Easter. Children will finish at 1pm
Inset Days for moving into the new school
Inset Day - families will be invited to view the new school (more details to follow)
School starts

HAPPY MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY – HAPPY MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE – RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – CURIOSITY - RESILIENCE – RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – CURIOSITY

Dears Families,

It has been a fantastic start to my time here at The Dolphin School. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. Please keep coming up and introducing yourselves (and be patient whilst I learn names). I have tried to spend time on both sites and walking up and down the hill is keeping me fit!

I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and seeing all the great activities going on in school. There have been construction sites (Three little Pigs), sugar cane tasting, French celebration of 12 Kings and PE session based on the 'Snail and the Whale'. It has been great to have the children share their work and I have enjoyed seeing what the children can achieve.

I met with the Parent Reps this week. Please keep passing information onto them. They are a great link between the families and the school.

You will see that there are some dates to come and have a tour of the new school. It is looking great, I hope you are able to make it on one of them.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Shelley Dixon
Head Teacher



Here is an introduction from our new Chair of Governors, Chris Patterson.

Dear Parents

I was born and bred in and around Bristol, I was a pupil at Clifton College before going to Cambridge to read English in 1977.

After a brief spell as a management trainee with M&S I joined my father and uncle in the family business selling hardware, cleaning and catering equipment. The first few years were spent learning the various jobs within each department, covering showroom sales, warehousing, sales office and field sales before running the accounts office.

On my father's retirement in 1991 I became managing director of Pattersons and have spent the last 25 years building the business, which now also has branches in Devon and the West Midlands.

I am a director and past president of the British independent Retailers' Association and a Managing Committee member and past Chairman of the International Hardware and Housewares Association.

Outside of work I am President of Young Bristol, a city wide charity running youth clubs, activities and creative programmes for young people. I am also a past president of the Anchor Society, which cares for the elderly in Bristol and am a member of the Society of Merchant Ventures.

Hobbies include walking, tennis and gardening.

I am excited to be working alongside the staff at The Dolphin School and look forward to meeting you all soon. The Dolphin School is on an exciting journey this year and I feel privilege to be part of this fantastic school.

Chris Patterson
Chair of Governors

Roof Garden at the New School

At the new school there will be a roof garden. We would like this to be a community based project. We need to set up a working party of parents/ community members who can support with gardening and carpentry skills. We will need both a working party to support the public art committee in the planning and also people who can offer their time on the day (date/dates to be decided).

If you are interested in this then please pass your name onto Tracey Heath.

Tours of the New School

We are able to offer three sessions to look around the new Dolphin School site. These are:

Monday 30th January at 2pm

Wednesday 1st February at 9.15am

Friday 3rd February at 2pm

Spaces will be limited to 30 people – please book with Tracey Heath on 0117 910 8429.

Please be aware that the school is still a working building site and therefore if you are unable to find childcare for younger siblings you must keep a very close eye on them. If you are bringing a buggy then the buggy will need to be left in the hall and you will need to carry any babies or toddlers.

The tours will last approximately 45 minutes. The school children will get a chance to see the school nearer to the move date.

Parking

Please could we remind you to park and drive carefully when dropping off and picking up your child at both sites. The car park in front of Dolphin is not for use by parents.

French Day

We are very pleased to have a French student teacher visiting us again this January for two weeks.



She will arrive on 15th January and will visit all classes over the two weeks. Children will have a chance to meet her and find out more about France and her home town of Bordeaux.

We will be celebrating our annual French Day at Dolphin School on Wednesday 25th January and children will take part in cultural activities throughout the day.

Early Years Lunches

The Early Years children are loving having their hot school dinners down at the Dolphin Site. Thanks to all the parents who accompanied us to and from CGS last term, you will be happy to hear we are all settled in the classroom now and really enjoying our lunches.



PTA Elections & AGM

17th Jan 2017 (7:30pm - 9pm) at The Dolphin School

While all parents and teachers are members of the PTA, the organisation requires officers (elected members) to help ensure good governance and organisation of activities. Every January, existing officers are required to put themselves up for re-election (or step down) in order to give other parents a chance to contribute.

Although I was originally a reluctant volunteer for the role of Chair, I have really enjoyed being at the centre of such a dedicated group and making what I hope is viewed as a positive contribution! Having now served two years, and with some increased professional commitments looming, I will sadly not be able to stand for re-election.

Angela is happy to either step back or continue as Secretary but the role of Treasurer will also be contested - Charlotte having only agreed to cover the vacancy until January.

We will therefore need to elect a new Chair and Treasurer in January if the PTA is to continue raising money and organising events, and this can only happen if parents put themselves forward.

Thankfully, the process of standing and electing is reasonably informal:

- If you'd like to stand for any of the three roles then you just need to email me.
- Election of an officer is by a show of hands at the AGM.

Any questions please contact me.

Regards,

Rob

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