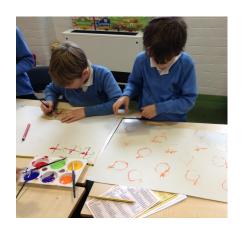


NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 13th - Friday 17 February Half term

Tuesday 28th February PTA meeting at Bishops - 7:30pm

Thursday 2nd March Celebration of Work Day - Reception from 2:45pm Friday 3rd March Celebration of Work Day - Years 1-4 from 2:45pm

7 & 8 March Parents evenings

Friday 17th March PTA Quiz - Dolphin School site

Friday 24th March Red Nose Day

Friday 31st March School finishes for Easter. Children will finish at 3:20pm

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

Saturday 6th May Spring Fair - 11:30am-4pm

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Dear Families.

I cannot believe it is the end of term 3. It has been a fantastic first term and I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the children and families. We have an exciting term ahead and we will keep you up to date as soon as we receive information about the move. This term we have enjoyed author visits, bedtime stories, pop-up cafes, class assemblies, swimming lessons, Snack, chat and play, school tours, book fairs, missing cakes, letter writing and maths challenges.



We have Parent's evenings after half term and are also inviting families to come in and see their children's work at a 'Celebration of work' afternoon. This is a chance for you to come in and look at your child's work and all the progress they have made. We will be providing post-it notes so you can write comments and these can be stuck into the books.

The PTA presented the children with a sound system in our celebration assembly today — one of our kind parents has put together a variety of playlists so we can have music on the playground. Thank you to everyone who helped the PTA raise money for the school for this gift.

We have an exciting launch of a new maths and reading scheme after half term which will enable you to access online resources at home. Look out for the letter the first week back. Sadly we have to say goodbye to Ms DeWetering who is returning home to Canada and also

Miss Newman who is off to an exciting new job. We wish them well with their new ventures and thank them for all their hard work at the school.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term and look forward to seeing you all for term 4!

Kind regards Shelley Dixon Headteacher





Parent Governor Elections

There are two vacancies for Parent Governors. Please see separate letter for more details on the election process.

End of School at Fairlawn Site

Please can parents/carers stand on the road side of the playground whilst the teachers dismiss the children – this is to help the teachers clearly see their classes. If you wish to speak to the teacher please wait until the majority of the children have been collected.

Spare clothes for accidents

Do you have any outgrown school uniform to spare?

We are very much in need of changes of clothes, including underwear, for toilet accidents, etc. and would be very grateful for donations, particularly for children in Reception and Year 1, who are the most likely to need these. Please remember to return any clothes your child has borrowed from school.

Parent Pay

Please clear all outstanding payments on Parentpay.

Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Active Kids Vouchers again this year. Vouchers can be dropped off at either reception.

Driving

Last week a car bumped up the kerb on the Bath Buildings Road and almost knocked into a child. Please take care when driving on the streets around the school. We have had our PCSO and parking attendant at the school over the past two weeks. They have booked further parents for parking on the zigzag yellow lines.

Can we ask all parents to please be mindful of the traffic on the road outside of school and be patient with other road users or try to park and stride to school. Please remember two of our school values are 'Respect and Responsibility' and we expect the whole school community to uphold these values.

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National Storytelling Week

As part of National Storytelling Week, we were extremely lucky to have a visit from Mark Lemon, a local children's author who writes stories about his two children, Otis and Thea. After reading the whole school one of his fantastic stories, Mark worked with Year 3 and helped them understand what it takes to be an author.



Celebration of Work Day

Parent/carers are welcome to come and see their children's work at school. You will be invited to come and see all the great things going on in the children's books. This will happen on Thursday 2nd March for Reception and Friday 3rd March for Year 1-4. You will be able to come in from 2.45pm.

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.

Sponsored Read

Thank you so much to all those children who took part in our sponsored read and especially those who have already brought in their money. Please could all sponsorship money be returned to school by 24.2.17 so that we can calculate our total and start planning all the amazing books we can buy for new library! What a fantastic group of readers we have at Dolphin School!

PTA News

Save the Date! The PTA are organising a Quiz Night for 17 March, 8pm at The Dolphin School site. All money raised will go towards resources for the new library. Watch out for other communications re ticket sales.

We will have a Cash for Clothes collection in the next few weeks. If you're having a clear out, please keep hold of any clothes that you can spare, and watch this space for more details. Remember, all money raised goes towards things for all of our children.

Your class reps have been busy setting the date for each year's summer camping weekend. If you haven't heard yet, ask your class rep.

The PTA team

RED NOSE DAY

The School Council will be leading the school in fundraising on Friday 24th

March for Red Nose Day.

We will be having a cake sale – so get baking!
We will be selling Red Noses – first come first serve
We will be having a non-uniform day and wear something red for a donation .

We will be learning the Red Nose Day song and dance, which you can download from the website and learn at home. The children will be performing this during celebration assembly on the Friday and we will be videoing it for our own viewing.

More information to come next term
Thank you The Dolphin School Council

Toys for the Playground

We would love to have some new stuff for the playground to tide us over until we move into the new build. Please could families have a rummage and see if they have any of the following things that they would be happy to donate to our playtime: Toy cars/mats, garden games eg jenga, Duplo/megablocks, felt pens or crayons or chalks, paper for colouring or anything else suitable for outdoor play eg tyres or pop up tents.

Please can donations be brought into Fairlawn site after half term. There will be a box in the playground at dropping off time.

Thank you very much!

Breakfast Club

Please remember that drop off time for breakfast club is 8.00am until 8.10am. If you arrive late then your child may not be able to access breakfast club.

