



# NEWSLETTER

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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 18th May Wednesday 18th May Wednesday 18th May Thursday 19th May Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June Friday 1st July Friday 22nd July EYFS Open Classroom Years 1-3 Open Classroom Sex and Relationships Meeting Open Classroom - all years Half Term 'I Can Be' Day End of term

2:15pm-3:20pm 2:30pm-3:20pm 6:30pm (venue tbc) 8:30am-9:30am

## Did you know ..

It is the school and not the parents who decide whether or not to authorise absences. The Leave of Absence Form is necessary because the reasons given need to be considered by the school.

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

At last! Summer seems to have arrived for us all. And what a difference it makes.

We were fortunate enough to have great weather for our Spring Fair together with the most wonderful turn out of friends and family to support the fund raising. What a vibrant community we all are! I would thank all who contributed to making the day a huge success ably led by the PTA and I would particularly like to mention our local Co-op store who donated hot dogs and ice-cream and El Comado who donated the vegetable paella.

I would like to share with you all the wonderful news that Mrs Best is pregnant. She will be staying with us to transition the Early Years children into Year 1 in September prior to starting her maternity leave. We are completing our staff recruitment for September with one more member of staff to appoint following Mrs Best's news. Five new members of teaching staff will join us in September and we are delighted with all of the appointments made; how fortunate we have been to attract such high calibre staff.



**On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**, we will be holding a very important meeting for parents where we will give you information about how the sex and relationships education curriculum will be taught in Term 6. It is important that you are fully informed of the content of the curriculum for each Year group and that you are fully aware of the links to the Science curriculum being taught in school. This meeting will give you the opportunity to discuss your views and opinions and ensure that you fully understand what will be taught throughout the school. This forms part of our PSHE curriculum. Please let us know if you are able to attend. I myself have noticed a huge shift in the content taught to different year groups and would encourage you to attend this meeting as a priority.

As the days get hotter I would remind you all to apply sun cream to your children prior to them coming into school each morning, together with ensuring that your child has a good sun hat which is clearly named. Please also note that many sunglasses available to buy do not give the children any protection against the sun, they are essentially fashion items. Therefore sunglasses do not provide an alternative protection to sunhats. Water bottles should be refreshed and brought into school daily.

Finally, I would like to remind you all about our Wednesday morning coffee mornings. I will be attending the coffee morning on the 18<sup>th</sup> May and do try to pop my head round the door whenever I can. These take place in the Dolphin building. I will also be meeting with some of the class reps after the coffee morning on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. I do appreciate that not everyone can come to these events so please do chat with your class rep if you would like to pass any comments on.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Kind regards Naomi Triggol

### **Build Update**

Another good fortnight on the site of the new Dolphin School with roofing works taking full advantage of the recent dry spell. Stone ballast and paving has been laid on the main roof and this area is now ready for the solar panels to be installed.

A good proportion of windows have now been fitted and sealed to the external envelope. The windows of the year group 1 classroom (see photograph on front page) will have an external brick finish to cill level with a rendered surround above.

Internally, partitions have now been built on all floors of the main teaching block and the installation of electrical and data services within these partitions is currently ongoing.

The photograph below shows the ground floor lobby coming together.



This photograph shows the main roof with stone ballast, roof lights and paved walkway, ready for installation of solar panels.



#### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please remember to bring your Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers to school. They can be dropped off at either Dolphin or Fairlawn site.

#### **Cheltenham Road Library**

Cheltenham Road Library are running a new after-school story-time which is aimed at school aged children. It is on Mondays at 3.45pm and is during term time only.