

The Dolphin School

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# NEWSLETTER

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June Friday 17th June Wednesday 22nd June Friday 24th June Thursday 30th June Friday 1st July Thursday 7th July Friday 15th July Friday 22nd July Monday 25th July - Friday 5th August Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

## Half Term

Coffee with Mrs Triggol and 2T assembly Sports Day Coffee with Mrs Triggol and 2B assembly Coffee with Mrs Triggol and 1D assembly 'I Can Be' Day Coffee with Mrs Triggol and 1GB assembly Coffee with Mrs Triggol and 3C assembly End of term Holiday Clubs INSET days

### Did you know ..

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

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

Another term has passed at a seemingly alarming speed and the children should be very proud of all their hard work this term. They certainly deserve a week of rest!

Last Wednesday's coffee morning was really well attended and it was lovely to be able to chat informally with many of you about so many different things. Next term our PTA rep for the school will be attending, allowing you to find out what is happening with fund raising and how you can get involved if you wish. Some of our class reps will be coming along on 8<sup>th</sup> June to chat informally about anything that you might like brought up at the class reps meeting with myself on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. They will be pleased to share and encourage more class reps for each class as this helps share the workload and spread the news. Please let your current class reps know if you would like to share this role with them either at this meeting or when you see them in the playground. We had a really productive meeting this term and covered many different subjects.

I think it would be worth emphasising the role of different groups within the school. The PTA is a voluntary group of which we are all members as part of the school community regardless of whether you attend meetings or contribute to the hard work and wonderful organisation that is delivered. It is fundamentally a forum for fundraising and social communication. The class reps are able to bring current challenges, praise and hot topics of debate to the attention of the school through the newly set up termly meetings. They also keep the class parents and carers informed. And the coffee morning, so ably run by Kendall is simply a place to come and have a chat with other members of our school community in an informal setting.

Last week I was lucky enough to be involved with the process of choosing a caterer for all of the Trust schools. I know that many of you will be pleased and relieved to hear that the kitchen at Fairlawn will be open in September and the children will be able to choose from three hot meals and a salad bar at lunchtime. When we move into the new Dolphin building the kitchen will be ready for use which means that the same service will still continue. I will be able to give you more details over the coming weeks.

You will notice from the dates shown below that Sports Day is coming up and we are delighted to have been offered Westbury Fields, part of St Monica's Trust, as a venue on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We will be taking the children up by coach during the morning to do some activities and all of the races will take place in the afternoon (weather dependent of course!). Specific details and directions will be available after the holiday but please save the date.

Next term we will be inviting you to see your children lead their own class assemblies in which they will be telling us about the projects that they are covering in class. These will start on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.20pm with class 2T. Prior to this there will be a chance for parents and carers in this class to have coffee with me from 1.30pm. Other class assemblies are listed below:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2.20pm – 2B Class assembly (1.30pm coffee with Mrs Triggol) Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2.20pm – 1D Class assembly (1.30pm coffee with Mrs Triggol) Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2.20pm – 1GB Class assembly (1.30pm coffee with Mrs Triggol) Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2.20pm – 3C Class assembly (1.30pm coffee with Mrs Triggol)



Next term we will be appointing our very first school council reps. Your child will have the opportunity to put their name forward and enter the elections for this post within their class. Elections will take place during the first week back after the holiday.

We look forward to choir starting next term for children in Years 1 to 3. We have already welcomed the return of Mr England who has been working specifically with Year 3 and Early Years this term. Next term Years 1 and 2 will be seeing Mr England regularly each week. Year 2 will also be visiting St George's Brandon hill weekly as part of their Learning Outside the Classroom opportunities.

It is time to sadly say good bye to Miss Carpenter who will be leaving us to start her training as a teacher. She has been an invaluable member of the Dolphin staff and we wish her great happiness as she starts her career as a teacher. She has promised to come back and visit us!

I wish you all a fantastic break and look forward to seeing you all on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind regards

Naomi Triggol

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# **Build Update**

Nearly twelve months from taking possession of the site of the former Engineering Works (Fowlers), these impressive aerial shots of the Dolphin School show how the new building has been constructed tight to all existing boundaries, which has always been one of the projects key challenges.



Photos below show progress in the past two weeks with solar panels installed on the highest roof and paving slabs being laid in the science garden.





Internally, wiring is now being pulled through containment and conduit, whilst plasterers are busy skimming the classroom walls.

#### Pick Up from School Run Clubs

If your child is attending a club after school, please could you ensure you collect them promptly when the club has finished.

#### **SMSA Vacancies**

Fairlawn is looking to recruit 2 SMSA's to start in September 2016. The working hours are 11:30am until 12:45pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested please contact Michelle Woodland at Fairlawn School on 0117 955 3914 or email <u>mwoodland@fairlawn.Bristol.sch.uk</u>

### **Spring Fair**

There was a professional photographer at the Spring Fair who has now provided photos to the PTA of the event, these will be going on facebook after half term. Please use these images responsibly and if there are any you want taken down please contact your class rep or the school.

#### **Dolphin Site After School Arrangements**

Please note that school finishes at 3:20pm and the gate opens at 3:10pm. Unless you need to collect your child early, please could you wait outside until the gate opens.

Shine After School Club use the Dolphin playground after school and it would be appreciated if the area could be vacated by 3:45pm.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please could you bring your Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers to school as soon as possible. They can be dropped off at either Dolphin or Fairlawn site.

#### **Parent Pay**

Please clear all breakfast club and lunch payments as soon as possible.



# New Quarterly Evening Group

For families of children and young people with disabilities and special needs.

- do you want support?
- do you need advice and information about services?
- do you want to comment on services?

do you want to meet others and share experiences/ COME ALONG AND TELL US WHAT YOU WANT at our first quarterly <u>EVENING</u> group:

#### Tuesday 7th June from 18.30 to 20.30 pm

#### Phoenix Social Enterprise 5 Russell Town Avenue, Redfield, Bristol, BS5 9LT

Free car park Buses:36, 36a, 6, 7,42-45 Train: Lawrence Hill Station

No need to book, just come along. Travel and childcare costs reimbursed with receipts. For details: Tel 0117 939 6645 ext 204 (Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays) or email: <u>rosie@bristolparentcarers.org.uk</u>

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# New Staff for September

Natasha Standish - Hi all, I'm very excited to be starting in September and look forward to meeting you all soon. I've been teaching for two years in a small village school outside of Bath in a mixed age Key Stage 2 classroom, before then I completed my training in rural and urban schools



in Devon across the Key Stages. A few of my favourite things are wolves, dogs, visiting different places and exploring them in rain or shine, curling up with a good book in various places (my current favourite place is the back of my sofa), How to Train Your Dragon and chocolate. Spiders still terrify me and I will need the help of a qualified spider remover. I hope you all have a fantastic summer and I'll see you in September!



**Rebecca Robinson** - Hello, I'm Miss Robinson, currently a Foundation Stage Teacher based in Nottingham and am really looking forward to relocating to Bristol this summer ready for starting my new post as Early Years

Leader at The Dolphin School in September. I grew up in Somerset but left 12 years ago to study teaching at Nottingham Trent University and have been working there ever since. During the past 8 years at my current school I have led the Early Years, P.E and Music. I am very passionate about providing young children with exciting, stimulating and hands-on learning opportunities; I especially enjoy music and drama so look forward to lots of singing and story sessions with the children next year. I love to travel, having recently spent some time teaching in a school in Cambodia, whilst travelling Asia I found a love for water and look forward to going back next summer to complete my scuba diving qualification and exploring the sea! I really look forward to meeting you all over the coming months and becoming a part of the Dolphin School Team.

Hettie Patel -Having recently relocated to Bristol, L am thoroughly enjoying exploring this incredible and vibrant city with dog walks, trips to local food and antique markets and visiting museums. I also really enjoy curling up with a good book and cup of tea! I like to spend the school



holidays travelling to hot, sunny places in the Summer and skiing in the Winter. I am delighted to be joining The Dolphin School team and look forward to meeting you all in September!



Alison Barnes - After graduating from the University of Manchester 6 years ago, I moved to Bristol and worked as a teaching assistant before my love of the classroom led me to train as a teacher. I have now been teaching Key Stage 2 in Bristol for the last 4 years

and hugely enjoy it; I especially love teaching English and do a lot of reading for pleasure in my spare time. After a long stint in the same school, I am really looking forward to teaching at the Dolphin School from September and getting to know everyone there.

Anna Crisp - My name is Anna Crisp and I'm really excited to be joining the TDS team in September! I have been teaching Early Years and Key Stage 1 in Bristol for 5 years now and I am passionate about this wonderful City! I'm currently on maternity leave so my main passion is my



daughter, who will celebrate her 1st Birthday in September. I also enjoy sailing and hot yoga during my spare time, which has definitely diminished since becoming a parent! Please give me a smile when you see me, looking a little lost, trying to navigate the school!