



The Dolphin
Pre School and Nursery

May Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

28/6/17

Concept Photography

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The Dolphin Family would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following Children during May

1st Olivia (4), 2nd Kenny & Lily (1), 6th Liam (4), 12th Hector (2), 13th Mabel (2), 17th Arthur (1), 17th Stanley (3), 23rd Georgia (2), 24th Sennen (3), 31st Riley (2).

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Welcome to our May newsletter, as the sun has its hat on I thought I'd start this month's newsletter with a reminder to parents/carers to send their child into Dolphin with a Sun hat. We now provide sun cream so unless your child has allergy there is no need to send any in.

### Learning Themes

This month's learning themes for each room are:-

Little Tots - Musical May

Busy Bees - Messy May

Pre School - Life Cycles

### Nut allergy - NO NUT PRODUCTS IN NURSERY PLEASE

As there are a couple of children attending the Dolphin who have nut allergies, could we please remind parents that, in line with our "food supplied by parents" policy, NO nuts or anything which may contain nuts e.g. peanut spreads and the like are not to be brought into nursery or pre-school. Some allergic reactions can be based on smell or touch so it is vitally important that this policy is followed

### Concept Photography - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Concept photography are back with us and we will be sticking with the choice of 8 different colour prints rather than black and white, they will also take a group photo of all the children leaving us for School. Individual invites will be sent out for children not normally here on a Wednesday, children normally in will have the photos taken as part of their day. We also have a few slots available before nine and after 3.30 if you want to bring any siblings in for a shoot but please book these beforehand so we can fill the day.

### Staff Changes

We have had a few staff changes since the last newsletter, Monika and Georgia have left us for pastures new, Cole has returned 2 days a week in Busy Bees and we have a new face, Samie Barlow working 2 days a week until September. Other team members have increased their hours to help out. I'm sure you will or have already welcomed Cole back and also Samie into the Dolphin Family.

### Tax Free childcare

The government has recently launched its 'childcare choices' website which contains a vast amount of information for parents regarding help available to them. On the website parents can sign up to pay childcare providers tax free so for eligible parents who pay 80p you pay into the account the government will top it up with a further 20p.

The website can be found here [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### Additional Publicly Funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

As we have spoken about previously the government is increasing the amount of funded childcare offered to working parents from September. Up until now information has been limited, and whilst we have known the hourly rates since March, we've had nothing on how the scheme will work. The new funded hours are a massive change within the industry and it is much publicised that the rates being paid are below what nurseries currently charge and will mean for most they are losing money on delivering the additional hours.

Of course as parents ourselves we fully support any additional help for parents and we will be offering these hours we just need to get it right to ensure we continue to survive. We will send out more information in the next few days, there is some information available on the childcare choices website as above.