



The Dolphin
Pre School and Nursery

January Newsletter

Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 13th Feb
Shrove Tuesday

**Wednesday
14th Feb**
Valentine's Day



**Friday 16th
Feb**
Chinese New
Year

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

Erys 4<sup>th</sup> (2), Tilly 4<sup>th</sup> (4), Hollie 8<sup>th</sup> (4), Soleil 17<sup>th</sup> (1), Harrison 23<sup>rd</sup> (3) and Darcey 25<sup>th</sup> (4).

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Welcome to our January newsletter, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. December was a busy month for Christmas activities and we hope you all enjoyed them as much as us. Every year the children are truly amazing and we love watching them perform, it was very special to see their confidence increase from last year's performances and it's safe to say that they are all little stars in the making. We hope you liked the new venues this year, we certainly found them much more suitable.



Mellissa and Paul would like to thank you all for your support in 2017, and look forward to sharing all our new plans with you throughout 2018. Before all that we would like to wish all our children, parents/carers and Grand Parents a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

## Learning Themes

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

Little Tots & Busy Bees- Disney  
Pre School - Hot and Cold



## School Admissions - Reminder

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 you need to apply for a primary school place. DCC's application website closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 so it's not too late if you haven't yet. The website is [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). Don't Miss the deadline as it may mean you don't get your first choice school.

## Health Visitor check for 2 year olds

As part of our legal requirements for monitoring the development of children in our care we must complete an integrated review when a child reaches two. This is used as part of the health visitors check they call children for around the time of their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. So that we can make sure you have the completed form available to take with you, it would help us greatly if you could let us know when you receive the date of this appointment.

## Some sad goodbyes

The Dolphin family would like to say goodbye to Tash and Tammy who have moved onto pastures new. They will be dearly missed but we hope to still see them, and wish them good luck in their new adventures.

## Welcome to the family



Becca



Amy

We are pleased to welcome one new and one old face to the Dolphin family. Bringing a vast amount of experience we look forward to welcoming them to our fantastic team. Becca worked in Busy Bees before going on maternity leave and returns in Pre School, bringing her early years teacher status to meet our aim to continuously improve our service. Amy joins us in the Little Tots room, however we have exciting plans to announce soon which will mean she may well move rooms!

## Team changes to our rooms

We have also had a little swap around over the Christmas break allowing staff to work with different age ranges. This will mean that Katie will be moving into Pre-School on a Monday, Thursday and Friday with Becca taking on the opposite two days and Erika will be moving full time into the Busy Bee room. We are really excited with these changes and look forward to seeing the new teams bond.