



The Dolphin
Pre School and Nursery

Mid-April Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 23rd April
St George's day

28/6/15

Concept Photography

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

2nd Joseph (4), 5th Caspian (3) & Ivy-Rae (3), 9th Freddie (2), 12th Freddie (4), 15th Olivia (2), 21st Florence (4) & Sebby (2), 22nd Isla (3), 27th Hannah (4), 29th Amelia (4), 30th Olivialilly (4)

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Welcome to our second April newsletter, there was so much to tell you in our first one we decided to break it down into two. We hope you enjoyed the lovely Easter Bank holiday and made some special family memories.



All three rooms started their Easter activities with a giant Easter Egg hunt Olympics. The children had a great time and the sun being out was an added bonus.

### **School Admissions- Today's the day**

If you applied for your child's primary school place online, hopefully you woke up to an offer email from Devon County Council. Postal offers have also been sent out today but as these go via second class post they may take a couple of days to arrive. Fingers crossed everyone get their first choice, but any concerns or problems we are here to help where we can.

### **Childcare choices**

Following on from the note in our January Newsletter regarding the Government pledge 30 doubling the funded childcare they have now launched a new website. Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time. The new Childcare Choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer.

Use the Childcare Calculator at [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) to see what offers are available to support you and your family.

As well as current schemes, Childcare Choices will introduce Tax-Free Childcare and up to 30 hours funding during 2017.

Go to the Childcare Choices website today at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### **Late collection of children**

We are proud of our flexibility and as parents ourselves we fully appreciate that sometimes things may need to change last minute. Where we can we will always accommodate but increasingly parents are picking their children up later than arranged without letting us know. If you are going to be delayed please can you phone ahead and let us know when you're running late, we don't want to get into charging our late collection fee's.

### **Feedback from our 2017 Parent Questionnaire**

To allow ourselves some much needed family time Mellissa and I have started taking Wednesdays away from the business. The questionnaire highlighted some parents were unsure of who to speak to when we were not around. Since January, Andrea and Chelsea have been appointed as Deputy managers. As we normally are, one of them will aim to be in the office and available to answer any questions/queries you may have. Having worked for us a number of years they will also ensure that our high standard we expect are kept.