



The Dolphin  
Pre School and Nursery

# Mid-May Newsletter

## Dates for the Diary

26/5/17 - 3/6/17  
Exmouth Festival

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 second May newsletter with so much happening at the moment we have decided to write another mid-month update so that parents are kept up to date with everything

### Building work - Pre-school

Our exciting re-vamp of the pre-school rooms is planned to start mid July, the work will include making the two ends rooms much better and will eventually include a balcony area for the Little Tots. To enable this work to be carried out we will need to relocate our pre-school children. The plan is to move to Gorfin Hall during this time, we will send our more details via your child's book bag in due course.

### Tax Free childcare

In our previous newsletter we spoke about the launch of 'Tax Free Childcare'. It doesn't appear to be as straight as forward as we hoped and some parents may be better off not using them. We have found some useful links to help parents decide which is right for them

Martin Lewis - <http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/childcare-costs>

HMRC - What help you could get

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

HMRC - Voucher or Tax free - which works best for you

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-vouchers-better-off-calculator>

We are also in the process of writing a guide to parents which we will email out as soon as we can.

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

As mentioned in our May newsletter we have now sent out a rather long document which outlines the main points of the additional funded hours which role out from September. Apologies the document is so long but there is so much detail to it.

### Let's Talk More Everywhere - Speech and Language initiative

As Let's Talk More Everywhere continues this time we are focusing on 'Give a choice of 2'

This is great for getting children motivated to talk. Try:

- At snack time ask "apple or banana?"
- At bath time ask "wash your tummy or your toes?"
- When you're playing ask "shall we play cars or trains?"

At first, your child might just point to the one they want. This is fine. Just take the opportunity to say the name of the one they've chosen like this e.g. "apple? You want apple. Here's apple". The idea is that they will first learn to copy what you say and then move on to saying it themselves - but don't expect this to happen straight away. Always show or point to the choices in front of your child so that they can see the things you are talking about

Why?

By giving children choices, we help them realise that their words can influence their environment.

Give a choice of 2 even if you know what your child wants. This gives them a chance to say the word themselves, and then get a result! They will also be learning new words, when you show them the object too.

### New Cook

We are super excited to welcome Louise Ghanmi back to the Dolphin Family, I say back as Louise is ex-parent from our early days in 2011. I sure you will join us in giving her a warm welcome when she starts on 5<sup>th</sup> June.