



The Dolphin  
Pre School and Nursery

# April Newsletter

## Dates for the Diary

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Primary school places  
announced

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Rugby tots and Nicks Nature

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Bank holiday- closed

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Bank holiday- closed

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

5th Caspian & Ivy-Rae (4), 9th Freddie (3), 11<sup>th</sup> Frankie (2) 15<sup>th</sup> Olivia (3), 21<sup>st</sup> Sebastian (3), 22<sup>nd</sup> Isla (4).

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Welcome to our April newsletter, this month we start to see the brighter evenings and hopefully warmer days!

### Learning Themes

This month's learning themes are,:-

Little Tots - Animals

Little Explorers - Animals

Busy Bees - Animals

Pre School - Life Cycles

### Primary school places

If you applied for a primary school place online, Devon County will email your child's offer of a school place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Devon County will be sending postal applications out on Monday too but this will be via second class post so may take a couple of days to arrive. Fingers crossed everyone gets their first choice, we were very lucky last year with nearly everyone getting their 1st choice. Can we please ask that you let us know when your place is finalised so that we can start planning your child's smooth transition.

### Baby News- Margo is here.

We are pleased to announce Chelsea has had her Baby Daughter Margo. She arrived on Friday 30<sup>st</sup> March, at 12.29am; weighing 8lb 3oz. Chelsea, Dan and baby are all doing well and enjoying setting into being a Family of 5.

### Illnesses

As you are all aware we have had chicken pox in the nursery. We have spoken to public health who advised that there are cases all around. There is nothing to worry about but they have advised us to look out for symptoms of slap cheek or scarlet fever and Strep throat as the four go very closely together. Please can we ask if your child seems unwell, has a fever and is displaying any of these symptoms: a pink blotchy rash (which feels like sand paper to touch), sore throat, red cheeks (which looks like it's been slapped), headache or a white tongue, that you please get them checked before bringing them to nursery or preschool. They are highly contagious and spread quickly between little ones. Chicken pox is good to get out the way while they are young while it can be serious it's doesn't need antibiotic treatment to stop it being infectious.

### Parent/carer Questionnaire - update

We are very grateful as always for the time you all took to reply to this year's questionnaire. The feedback gained gives us a brilliant insight into how our parent/carers perceive the overall service we offer. We are delighted as always with the response and we felt this year's survey was one of the best results in terms of meeting our goal of working in partnership with parents. The questionnaire also throws up some brilliant suggestions for improvement, one such example from last year was we clearly needed to look at a different venue for our Christmas nativities. With the feedback this year it would seem we have managed to achieve this. Although this year we will be looking at doing them all on a Saturday using the college.

This year we also offered respondents the chance to win a prize, the draw took place and we have 3 winners - Kimberly Green won the Boots voucher with Samantha White and Lucy Hancock each winning a bottle of wine.-

Well done everyone and Many Thanks again