



The Dolphin
Pre School and Nursery

July Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

Pre-school at Gorfin Hall

31st July to 25th August

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

3rd Ivan (2), 7th Evie (3), 9th Elisia (4), 12th Beatrice (2), 13th Teddy (4), 25th Thomas (4), 26th Evan (2), 27th Piper (2)

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Welcome to our July newsletter, we hope you are enjoying the lovely weather. After a couple of wet days the sun seems to have its hat back on again.

### Learning Themes

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

Little Tots - Summer

Busy Bees - Transport

Pre School - Our Community

### Room Staff Changes

As many children are transitioning between us and Big school we also have a number of children moving rooms as they progress their journey with us. This is also a good time to make a couple of changes to the staff in each room. Some parents will already be aware that Katherine is moving from Busy Bees into Pre-school as joint supervisor with Mrs Smale. Cole will be moving from Busy Bee's to Pre-school and increasing to full time whilst Christine (Miss Courtney) is moving in the other direction and will become Busy Bees room supervisor. Katie Pridham is returning from Maternity leave at Sunshine and will be joining the Busy Bee team on a Monday and Friday. Over the next couple of months Chelsea will be taking more of an office role supporting Mel and Paul with the general management of the nursery. Her role will be filled by Tash Cross taking over as room supervisor. Finally Corinna (Miss Langley) is moving from Pre-school to Little Tots.

We are very excited with the balance of the new teams and we look forward to settling the pre-school team into the brand new building (see below) we are creating over the summer.

### Building Work

As you will have seen from previous newsletters we are having a small extension built to the pre-school end of the building, these works are due to start soon and run over the summer holidays.

For works to take place safely and for the children to still have fun we are moving the pre-school children the short distance to Gorfin Hall for approx. 5 weeks. A letter will be coming home this week to explain more details and how things will work over these few weeks although we will try to make it as painless as possible please can you bear with us should things be a little unsettled.

If you have any questions at any point then please speak to Mel, Paul, Mrs Smale or Miss Prew (Katherine) who will be only too willing to help. We hope that you will all support us through these 5 weeks and look forward to the adventure for the children.

### Appropriate footwear

We have had a few accidents in the last few weeks so can we please ask that children are sent into nursery in well-fitting shoes. Sorry NO crocs or flip flops as we are finding that children are struggling to run in these and as we have no grass they are hurting themselves when falling.



### Lets talk more Everywhere - Continues.....

Switch off and Talk! - 64% of babies and toddlers are watching TV and videos, for an average of 2 hours a day. Adding on time spent on mobile phones and tablets makes it even higher.

Spend time talking and playing together, with everything switched off.

Why?

Research shows that, for children under 3 years old, playing on devices does not help them learn to understand and say new words, and even suggests it is actually linked to delays in learning to talk.