



The Dolphin
Pre School and Nursery

June Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

28/6/17

Concept Photography

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

1st Emily (2), 4th Daniel (2), Ophelia (2) & Theo (2), 9th Molly (1), 10th Tarun (3), 14th Hamilton (2), 18th Jonah (3), 29th Lola (4), 30th Samuel (1).

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Welcome to our June newsletter, we hope everyone is enjoying the lovely weather. Bank holidays and half term are so much nicer when the sun is shining. Exmouth festival has been in full swing and we hope you've managed to take in the wonderful atmosphere that this has created around the town.

### Learning Themes

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

Little Tots - On the farm      Busy Bees - Transportation, on the go  
Pre School - Our Community

### Concept Photography - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Just to remind parents/carers that Concept photography will again be here. Each child will have up to 8 different colour pictures taken which you will then be able to choose from. We are also planning a 'leavers' group photo of all the children heading off to school and as always we are excited to see the results.

### Front gateway/entrance

In the last few weeks the tarmac at the front entrance has broken up quite badly, we have a contractor planned to repair this but we are holding off until the building work has been completed towards the end of August. For parents walking to drop off please bear with us, Thank you.

### Late collection of children

If you become aware that you are going to be late picking your child up, please can we kindly ask that you ring ahead to let us know. This is especially important for parents picking up close to our closing time at 6pm. It's important that our dedicated team finish on time to ensure they are fully rested ready for the next day with the children. Our T&C's state we will charge £5 per 15 minutes late, however to date we have never charged this amount, we currently charge the extra time at the hourly rate. If parents consistently arrive later than the agreed time, without a phone call, we may have to consider using this late collection charge.

### Charges to Fee Structure

As we have previously communicated, from September, for children using 2, 3 or 4 year old funding we will be introducing an 'additional services' charge. For children accessing 11 hours the charge will be £5 per week and children accessing the additional hours (22 in total) it will be £10 per week. Due to the low rates paid by the government and our increasing cost base we have introduced this charge to cover anything that is not a requirement of the EYFS. We hope you can support us with this small charge which will allow us to continue offering flexible childcare to our parents. We have sent out a guide to the new hours, please ask in the office if you haven't seen a copy. We have also had to review our current hourly rates which we left unchanged since Oct 2015, in this time the minimum wage and living wage have both increased by over 4%. With wages making up approx. 65% of our overall costs this alongside business rates and energy cost increases have had quite an effect on us. We have tried to keep the increase to the minimum however 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 our fees will be -

Little Tots - £5.20/hour - Busy Bees - £5.00/hour - Pre-School -  
£4.65/hour

At the same time parents booking more than 8 chargeable hours in one day will receive a discount of 10% off those hours

**We believe these fees represent excellent value for money as, unlike many other nurseries, snacks, nappies, wipes and nappy creams are still included in these fee. We now also provide Sun creams for all children.**

**We also don't charge for Bank Holidays when we are closed.**