



The Dolphin
Pre School and Nursery

March Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day 2017

Sunday 26th Mar

Clocks change forward one
hour.

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Mother's Day

14th - 17th Apr

Easter Weekend

Sunday 23rd Apr

St George's day

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

1st Isobelle (3), 5th Eva (3),  
8th Oliver and Samuel (1),  
15th Ottilie (4), 31st Oscar (1)

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Welcome to our March newsletter, the children really enjoyed World book day on Thursday and it was wonderful to see some many children dressed up. Thank you all for making an amazing effort.

### Learning Themes

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

Little Tots - Messy March

Busy Bees - Musical March

Pre School - My world

### Parent/carer Questionnaire

This year's parent/carer questionnaire has now been sent out. Thank you everyone who has already completed it, if you haven't had chance yet could we please ask to spend a few minutes completing it. It helps us to evaluate and improve what we offer and also feeds into our OFSTED pre inspection paperwork. The decision to identify yourself is entirely up to you however this year we are offering a prize raffle to all parents who complete it and add their name.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6S3GB6G>

If you would prefer to complete a paper version then these are available in each room. Please ask your child's key person.

### Red Nose Day - 24<sup>th</sup> March

This year we are going Red for Red Nose day, the children and staff are invited to wear their favorite 'Red' Fancy dress or pyjamas for the day, it promises to be a fun day and can we please ask for a small donation from your child.

### Naming of clothing

We often put this in the newsletter however it's an issue that always comes up, naming clothes and shoes saves us so much time and avoids the upset of missed place items. As the weather hopefully warms up a little jumpers/coats/cardigans will started to be removed so please, please, please, can you name any items of clothing that come into Nursery. It's very frustrating when we spend a lot of time sorting out clothing issues, time that could be better spent with the children.

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

As you will have hopefully read in our February newsletter, Let's Talk More Everywhere is a project happening all over Devon. The long term aims are to improve speech and language outcomes for young children and improve school readiness. It promotes early identification and provides the support required - moving away from the traditional "watch and wait" model often seen in the 2-3 age group.

The strategy for February-March is

#### ***'Get your child's attention before you talk to them'***

Help them focus on you talking by making sure  
you have their attention before you talk to them

Say their name or touch their cheek / arm  
and wait for them to look at you.

Why?

Little children can't tune in to what you say if they are doing something else. Help them to focus on what you are saying by getting their attention first. By doing this they know you are talking to them and are more likely to join in.

### Our Chosen Charity

We were lucky to have the wonderful Hospiscare's support for Granny Wendy throughout her brave battle against Cancer, their help and support right from

diagnosis was simply amazing, so when thinking of

a charity to support it was an easy

decision. Over the next 12 months we hope to

hold a number of fund raising events, we are

going to start with our vast collection of pre-

loved pre-school uniform. Please have a look in the box located in pre-school and help yourself, all we ask in return is for a donation to this fantastic cause.

