

# Newsletter

November 2020

**Hello everyone,**

We hope you are all keeping safe and well (and sane!). If you are like us, then you are probably still trying to work out what on earth has happened during this past year! - such crazy and worrying times!

## Coronavirus Risk Assessment

Will be staying the same until further notice (we had hoped we could relax things slightly but with the current situation we feel our routines need to stay the same - and possibly go further if need be).

Obviously this may make waiting to bring your children in (or collect them) a little frustrating, especially if it's cold, wet and raining. We ask for your patience and understanding, and ask that you have warm protective clothing - and an umbrella!

## Parents Meetings

Were due to take place between now and December - obviously we are unable to do but still want to be able to arrange some sort of meeting/update on your child's progress. How we will be offering this is either through a Zoom Meeting or a simple Telephone call. If you would like to arrange for a meeting please contact us where we book a timed meeting through your preferred method.

Bookings will be made between 11am - 2pm and will generally last for 15 minutes.

**Nursery children** - meetings will be offered from **Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November**

**Toddler Room children** - meetings will be offered from **Monday 30th Nov to Friday 4th December**

**Pre-School children** - meetings will be offered from **Monday 7th to Friday 11th December.**

We will try to arrange alternatives days/hours if you would like to book a 'meeting' but unable to during these days and times.

## Staff

As you may be aware both Michelle and Karen. R have not been at the setting for the past few weeks. Due to certain circumstances they are not longer employed by Dolphins. Sharon & Di are now back and fully managing the setting, along with our new Senior Team - Sarah, Dawn J, Kelly & Lucy.

We hope you will join us in welcoming our new members of staff - Leanne Canham, is qualified Level 3 Educator and will be joining the team in the Toddler Room. Also joining the team in the Toddler Room is our new Apprentice Tayla Summers. Carrie Bowden is our new Lunchtime Assistant and will be helping in all rooms.

## Winter Clothing

Please may we ask that your child is coming into Dolphins with the correct warm winter clothing (coats) - they love to play outside in all weathers!

## Names in Clothes

Please may we ask that your child's clothing has their name in (or at least their initials) - including their shoes? Shoes especially - if they do not have their initials in, we will put them in while they are here. I hope you understand, we have lots of children - with lots of clothing/shoes!

## Winter Readiness

Not only are we dealing with a horrendous pandemic - we have all the usual winter illness's going around, especially Flu and Norovirus. We encourage all children to have the Flu Vaccination as soon as possible (if they haven't already had). I will upload onto Tapestry, our information sheets on both the Flu & Norovirus. There will also be copies in Reception - just help yourself.

## Children's Christmas Party

Was originally booked for Saturday 19th December, but because of COVID we have now cancelled it. We didn't want to 'cancel christmas' all together so have decided to have a Christmas Party Week!

We are going to spend the whole week 'partying' - music, lots of games, dancing, singing - and making lots and lots of glittery mess! Children can Dress-Up every day in their favourite costumes (or wear ones from

home). Children will continue to stay within their rooms. We are going to have party hats, crackers and poppers every lunchtime - and generally just have lot's of fun (and try and forget the rubbish year it's been!). The hot food menu is staying the same as normal, or your child can bring in their lunch box (as normal).

**Christmas Party Week is from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

(we are still open on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December).

#### Tapestry

Apologies if you have suddenly received several additions to your child's Learning Journal. The past half term has been extremely busy as we have been concentrating on settling the children back. Hopefully, you should now see regular updates/notifications.

#### Harvest Collection

Thank-you for all the donations - we have given it all to the local Food Bank

#### Reminder:

From January 2021 all children accessing the Early Years Entitlement hours will be charged a Consumables Fee of 20p (for every hour claimed).

#### 2021

We are back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January for all areas of care

Kind Regards  
Sharon, Di & the Team  
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