

Dolphinholme Dispatch

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BREAKING NEWS!

We have just been informed that we have won the Moto Trust Writing Competition for the **third year running.**

Not only that, but the winning pupil is **Evelyn Worthington** for the second year running!

There is an awful lot of excitement in school today. The story was entitled 'The Sea Monster's Cave '.

The competition was judged by the children's author Gill Lewis who said: *'This exciting short story about two girls lost in the fog is full of great descriptions, tension and suspense. From being lulled into a false sense of security with a sunny day, the reader is soon surrounded by fog and following an eagle to a mysterious cave to be greeted by an equally mysterious stranger.'*

Evelyn has won £2500 for the school, to be spent on improving the school's outdoor space and also £50 of WH Smith vouchers for herself. Evelyn has also won a school visit from the author herself who will present the cheque during her visit.

We are very proud of Evelyn and delighted to share in her success... again.

Absence during term time

Please can we remind parents that absence during term time can be detrimental to a child's education. Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your legal responsibility.

The **Department for Education** states that:

"...pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. "

Please can we urge you to think very carefully before booking holidays during term time and if you do decide to do go ahead, it is essential you complete a Leave of Absence Application form and submit it to the Head well in advance. There are cases in Lancashire of parents reporting their child(ren) sick rather than following the correct procedures; this is dishonest and something we strongly discourage.

Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website if you are unsure of school policy.

St Mark's All Age Family service is on Sunday 21st January at 10 o'clock.

Week beginning 22.01.18~ Menu Week 3.



This half term our Christian Value is Trust.

School Council News

The School Council are organising a Toy Collection this **Friday 19th January** in aid of The RLI Children's Ward and children's clinic areas.

They are asking for donations of used toys that are in a good condition. Battery operated toys can be included.

Because of the problem of germs, everything donated needs to be able to be washed and disinfected frequently.

Here is a list of suggestions:

Hard plastic toys for all ages eg. animals, cars and vehicles, characters, small world, musical toys, baby toys, construction and building eg duplo and lego, Xbox games, DVDs, boxed board games, books, jigsaws/tray puzzles.

It would be super if all pupils could donate just one thing from the list to support the School Council in their project.

Thank you for your continued support.



Picture by Evelyn and Hannah.

ONLINE BOOKCLUB

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/dolphinholme-ce> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by January 29th, 2018.

Unavoidable School Closure

Please be aware that if we need to close the school because of severe weather conditions you will be notified through local radio and email. In the event of severe weather, please tune into Bay Radio or BBC Radio Lancashire for announcements.