

Disraeli News

April 2010



Our mission statement:

A quality education enabling all children to achieve their highest standards in a happy, healthy, secure and stimulating environment

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term. The children have settled well back into school.

I would like to start off by sharing some excellent news; we have been awarded Quality Mark for our practise in Numeracy and Literacy teaching. We had two County Advisers in for the day and they:

- Talked to parents
- Observed teachers' teaching
- Looked at children's books
- Looked at assessment information on how children are progressing
- Talked to children about their learning
- Interviewed staff

They were very impressed. The areas for development were to continue with our focus on reading, writing and maths.

Other good news is that seven of our parents have been awarded a National Vocational Qualification Level 2 following the Speakeasy course they have been doing with Mrs Woodley. A huge well done to Ms Alison Thomas, Miss Tricia Ollivierre, Miss Lorraine Batson, Miss Limara Manterfield, Mrs Katie Court, Mrs Nadia Stiti and Mrs Sajida Wasim. They all worked tremendously hard, were totally committed and we are so pleased that their hard work has been recognised.

As you know everyone at Disraeli is committed to doing the best for all our children and to have the best, most exemplary practice possible. We are always looking for ways to improve so if there is anything you feel we need to 'review' or 'tweak' please talk to me. Sometimes my hands are tied but wherever we can make changes for the best for the school we are all keen to do so.

Many of you may have heard about the Parent Council. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and ask about how the school works, policies and procedures. It is also an opportunity to offer your views. The meetings are held each term and all parents are welcome. At the meeting held this week we talked about aspects such as fundraising for the school, letters home to parents, opportunities for parents to look at children's work and rewards that the school uses. If you would like to read the minutes of the meeting please contact the school office. The next meeting is 17th June at 2.00pm.

Many of you will have heard the great SATS debate on television. I would just like to take this opportunity to share with you that at Disraeli we will be doing the tests. We do not want to make a decision that is not nationally agreed which at a later time may leave our school or our children disadvantaged.

At Disraeli learning is a journey not a race

As I write to you we are coming up to the busiest part of the school year. Over the next few weeks we have:

- SATS in Year 2 and Year 6
- Year 6 Mini Enterprise
- Disraeli's Got Talent - 5th May
- Year 5/6 Residential Visit to France
- KS2 Production 'Midsummer Night's Dream'
- Year 4 visit to Wycombe Museum

Last but not least, over time many of you have commented that we would all benefit from a pedestrian crossing along The Pastures. To be considered for this we need information showing how many people cross The Pastures during a whole day. We would like to do this survey on **Thursday 13th May**. I would really appreciate parents just giving up 30 minutes of their time during the day to help. Please contact the school office for more details or complete the slip below.

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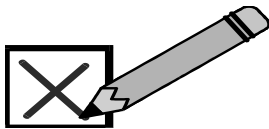
Hurry! Do not Delay! We still have a few skipping ropes left. £4.00 each from the school office.

London Wasps v Cardiff Blues on Saturday 1st May 2010. Kick off at 6.00pm.
AMLIN European Challenge Cup - Semi-Final, at Adams Park Stadium, High Wycombe, Bucks

Discounted tickets available. Please call at school office for more information.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

This is the first newsletter distributed under our new system. We have provided only one copy per family, either a paper copy or by email. If your friends have received this newsletter and you haven't please let us know. It will also be available on our website www.disraelischool.co.uk. Our weekly and monthly newsletters and any letter to the whole school will be distributed in this way.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Tuesday 27 th April | Mr Howe's class visit to Collings Hanger Farm |
| Tuesday 27 th April | 9.00 am - Miss Welch's (Year 2) Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 28 th April | Parents' Gardening Drop Ins from 1.00pm |
| | 2.30pm - Year 1 Open Session (All Year 1 parents welcome) |
| | 6.00pm Gardening Group Meeting (All parents welcome) |
| Friday 30 th April | Teacher Training Day - School Closed |
| Monday 3 rd May | Bank Holiday - School Closed |
| Tuesday 4 th May | After School Clubs start |
| Wednesday 5 th May | 6.00pm Disraeli's Got Talent - see separate letter |
| Thursday 6 th May | Polling Day - School Closed Holiday club available - Please call at the office if you are interested in booking a place |

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INFORMATION GATHERING FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - THURSDAY 13TH MAY

Name _____ Parent of _____

I am available on 13th May to take part in the information gathering survey. The best time for me is _____ (Please give a 30 minute time which is best for you between 8.30am and 4.45pm.)

Signed _____ Contact No. _____