

# Disraeli News



## January 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,

Happy New Year! (as this is our first newsletter of the year.) The Staff and I hope you had a relaxing winter break.

Firstly, thank you for your understanding during the snow and to all those staff, parents and Governors who came to help clear the site on Sunday! Closing the school is not an easy decision or one I take lightly but the safety of children and adults are my priority. Fingers crossed we can look forward to better weather and a return to our usual routines. We have changed timetables to enable us to catch up with Numeracy and Literacy work the children have missed as we do not want our children disadvantaged by the recent weather.

I am pleased to share that many of you have commented that the texting service has worked very efficiently. If you are not getting messages from the school, could you please check with the school office that we have your correct contact details.

A huge thank you to Mr Mitchell for producing the DVDs of our Christmas shows and donating funds to our school. Also thanks to Mr Warren for helping us organise meals for 160 children on Monday after the catering company informed us late in the morning that they could not deliver lunch.

I know you probably know by now how committed the Disraeli team are to ensuring that each of our children is happy in school and doing their best. If at any time you have any concerns, don't let them mount up; pick up the phone and please share them. We are here to help. I am available in my office each morning from 7.30am to 8.15 am.

At school we work tremendously hard to access extra funds to help the children with staffing and resources. However, we also can access funds and your children can have free school meals if you receive:

- income support,
- income based job seekers allowance
- an income-related employment and support allowance
- child tax credit - except if you meet any of the following criteria -
  - entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
  - have an annual income in excess of £16,040
- support under part vi of the immigration and asylum act
- guarantee element of state pension credit

Please call into the office and let us know if you receive any of these incomes if you have not done so already. We need every penny we can get.

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*Clubs start Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010*

### School Bank

Do you want to save towards cost of school trips, uniform and other school expenses. If so, join our savings scheme. You can make payments (in multiples of £1) at your convenience. We will hold the money and transfer it to pay for trips when you request it. Payment cards are available in the office.

Here's to an exciting, challenging and successful 2010. We agree with many of you that a pedestrian crossing along the Pastures would be really beneficial. However, to access funding we need to show that the crossing would be used at times other than the end and start of the school day. In order to do this we really need volunteers to help us collect information. We just need you for an hour or two for any day you can do.

Last but not least there is a fantastic opportunity for some volunteers to do some training so that they can help children become more "roadwise." Once volunteers have been trained and police checked they would work closely with the school. Training involves a one-off day. We do not have staff to take this on but if there are any parents who would do the training and then maybe able to give us 5 days of support over the school year. I would be very grateful. Call into the school office,

If you can spare us your time please contact the school office.

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### **TABLE TOP SALE**

24<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00am to 12.00pm

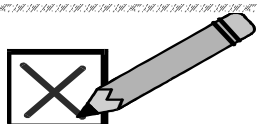
Date is quickly approaching. Pre book your table to sell your unwanted items or just turn up on the day. Booking forms available at the school office. Donations of any nearly new items for us to sell on the Disraeli School table would be greatly appreciated.

Please can these be bought in by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan and handed into the office.

Look forward to seeing you there spending your money and supporting our school. Thanks.

Next week's menu is:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN</b>	Jacket Potatoes with tuna	Sweet and sour chicken	Lasagne	Roast chicken	Roast chicken
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>	Jacket Potatoes with cheese	Sweet and sour vegetables	Vegetable lasagne	Vegetable casserole	Seasonal vegetable cassoulet
<b>CARBOHYDRATE</b>		Noodles	Garlic bread	New potatoes	Roast potatoes
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Beans Homemade Coleslaw	BBQ vegetables	Sweetcorn	Carrots	Seasonal fresh vegetables
<b>DESSERT</b>	Chocolate sponge	Fruity crispy cakes	Ice cream	Fresh fruit salad	Homemade shortbread with vanilla sauce



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3 trip to Amersham Field Centre  
9.00am Mrs McGregor's Class Assembly  
9.00am Mr Smith's Class Assembly  
10.00am to 12.00pm Table Top Sale  
9.00am Mr Abbs's Class Assembly  
9.00am Mr Copete's Class Assembly  
Finish for half term

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