

# SPRING TERM 2010 - NEWSLETTER NO. 4

## Thank you

We very much enjoyed seeing you all at our recent Parent Consultations. Working together so your children make the best possible progress and feel good about themselves is the most important part of our work at school. As such we very much value the support you give us by coming in to talk about your children and find out about the next steps in their learning.

As you know we also use these evenings to gather suggestions about what else you would like to have additional information about and one of these was Rights, Respect and Responsibilities (RRR). This is the language we use with the children to promote good behaviour, shared school values and how to learn effectively. It comes from the United Nations Children's Charter. At school, each class has a charter which is based around our three main rights at Hazel Wood School; the right to learn, to be safe and to be listened to. With these rights come responsibilities for each child and adult. So, if the children and staff agree that it is everyone's right to learn, each member of the class has the responsibility to respect each other's space, resources and time. We have worked with Abbotswood, Lydlynch and Eling schools to try and develop this shared understanding and vocabulary to use with all our children. Our school vision statement, which you will find below, also uses this language. I am hoping to offer a curriculum evening to give you further information later in this school year or early in the next. If you have any questions in the meantime please ask me or your child's teacher.

## Hazel Wood Infant School Vision Statement



*'Celebrating learning for life together'*

We aim to create a positive, stimulating learning environment in which everyone feels valued and respected. Through challenge and support our children will develop their skills and talents attaining high standards to become confident individuals for the 21st Century.

- At Hazel Wood Infant School we believe everyone has the right to feel safe and secure so that they have a high feeling of self worth. It is our responsibility to recognise individual needs and nurture each other so that we can all aspire to meet our dreams.
- We believe that children have the right to a warm, welcoming, inspirational environment that everyone shares the responsibility for creating.

- Everyone in our school community has the right to have equal opportunities to develop as individuals through our inclusive curriculum. All members of the school community have the responsibility to continually promote and celebrate this.
- All of our children have the right to learn new skills that will enable them to become well balanced members of society. We have a responsibility to provide a creative curriculum which is accessible to all and challenges each individual.
- Hazel Wood Infant School has the right to be an important part of our community, and, as such, we are responsible for actively promoting links with others to create a cohesive society.

### Health and Safety Audit

Last week we had a Health and Safety Audit, conducted by the County. I believe that at present about 16% of schools audited achieve 90% or above which means that they are fully compliant with legislation in all aspects of health and safety. This includes first aid, fire and emergency arrangements, building and site safety, child protection and safe recruitment of staff and volunteers, risk assessments, and checks that all systems in place to ensure that everything is up to date and regularly reviewed. I am delighted to inform you that Hazel Wood achieved an outstanding 98%! Thank you to everyone who keeps our school as safe as we can make it every day and especial thanks to Kim Buckingham, Brian Hodgson, Wendy Schultze, Jane Barrow and our Governor Representative, Ross Gulliver.

### Parking

Several members of our staff are finding it difficult to park their cars in the mornings as some parents are parking across empty parking bays. Could I please ask you to refrain from doing this and to park your cars with consideration. Thank you.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that all the children have a named water bottle in school every day.

### Lost Property

As advertised, at the beginning of each month we display substantial amounts of lost property that have been handed into the office during the previous month. We especially find that there are always a lot of plastic containers, from lunch boxes, and items left from after school clubs, together with odd gloves and items of uniform. Please help us by naming all items that come into school so we can return them to the owners straight away. All items that remain unclaimed after they have been displayed are taken to local charity shops. Thank you.

## Friends of Hazel Wood Events

Just to remind you that the following events have been organised by the Friends of Hazel Wood:

Once Upon a Time Disco, at Totton Sports Club - Friday 12 March

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday 21 March

Mufti Day Wednesday 17 March - in exchange for Easter Eggs,

Easter Bonnet Parade - Tuesday 30 March, at 2:30 p.m.

Further details of all these events can be found in the Friends of Hazel Wood March Newsletter.

### Dinner Money

Please can I remind you to send in dinner money on a **Monday** morning in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the days of the week that the dinners are required. Thank you.

### Important Notification of Extra INSET Day

All schools have been granted an extra INSET Day in this calendar year to help with planning the implementation of the new Primary Curriculum. We are going to take this day on **Monday 07 June 2010**. I'm sorry we have not been able to give you more notice of this.

### With much sadness

I know that you will wish to join with the staff and me in conveying our sympathy to Ruth Goodey and her whole family for the tragic loss of her sister and niece. This has been a terrible shock to our local community and we all hope that Ruth and her family know how special they are to us and that we will all give them any support they need in the coming months.

*Cathy Davies*

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