

SUMMER TERM 2010 - NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Open Days and Father's Day Lunches

Thank you very much for attending our recent events it was lovely to see so many of you! The children always enjoy seeing visitors and talking about what they have been doing.

Eco Schools

The Eco Schools group has been busy planning more activities to support Hazel Wood in becoming more environmentally friendly. We have recently achieved our Silver Award and are now working towards our Green Flag. Our Eco Warriors have been chosen in each class and regularly check that lights are switched off, computers are not left on in classrooms etc.

Week commencing the 5 July, lots of exciting activities will be going on to help our children learn more about looking after our world; everything from recycling to using less energy! More details on this are attached.

10:10:

As part of Hazel Wood's commitment to sustainability we have signed up to the 10:10 campaign. This is a national initiative to reduce our energy use by 10% during 2010. This initiative is also supported by the new government. As a school, we have already reduced our energy consumption substantially but want to see if we can get even better! We'll keep you updated on our progress with this during the year.

If you want to join the 10:10 campaign to help reduce your energy use and your fuel costs at home all you need to do is go to:

<http://www.1010global.org/uk/people>

If you have any ideas to help Hazel Wood become more eco friendly, please contact Lorraine Burgess or Sam Mawby ('Green' Governor!) via the School Office.

Arts Week

As part of our current topic 'Magical Island' we have had an 'Arts Week'. The children have had an opportunity to explore music, art and dance as a way of expressing themselves about what a magical island might mean to them. The art focus of the week involved the children creating their own picture, which the company 'Images' will put onto canvas. The canvas pictures that the children have produced will be on exhibition for you to come and look at and purchase, if you wish, in the entrance corridor from 2:40pm on Monday 5 July, Tuesday 6 July, Wednesday 7 July and Thursday 8 July. If mornings are easier for you, then please come and see the exhibition on Tuesday 6 July, Wednesday 7 July and Thursday 8 July from 8:30am until 8:50am. If you wish to purchase the canvas which your child has designed, they will be sold for £6.50. There is no obligation to buy if you feel you do not want to.

Totton's Got Talent

As you know, we try to develop the children's creativity and generate opportunities for them to have fun. This year we will be running a Totton's Got Talent competition at the end of term. Every child is invited to bring in a song on CD or tape format or think of an appropriate short act they could perform. They will then have the opportunity to practice in their class at various times in the coming weeks. One child will be selected from each class to take part in the final on the morning of Thursday 22 July. Parents of finalists will be invited to attend this event.

We know some children will not want to take part in this activity and they do not have to. They may prefer to watch or have fun practising at home and this is fine. Please ensure children have what they need for their song or act, clearly labelled, in school by Monday 12 July.

New Photograph Questionnaire

The responses we received from the feedback to the new style class photographs was positive, with a majority of parents (76%) preferring it. As such, we will follow a consensus of opinion and use this style again next year for the class photographs but will keep the usual traditional portrait format for the individual pictures. Thank you for taking the time to tell us what you thought.

Induction Day Reminder

We will be sending a letter home with our Year R and Year 1 children the day before they spend the day with their new teacher on Thursday 8 July. The letter will include photographs of their new Teacher and Teaching Assistant so you can talk to them about who they will be having. You are welcome to drop into the classroom at pick up time on Thursday 8 July to meet your child's new teacher informally and see the classroom.

Children transferring to junior school should have received information from their new school about the day.

Head Lice!

We have had a few reported sightings. Please check your child's hair regularly.

Packed Lunches

Thank you for continuing to send in healthy choices for your child. As some of our children have nut intolerances please do not send in products containing nuts to avoid any possible danger. This includes peanut butter. Thank you

Diary Dates

I hope these will help you with your planning over the next few weeks.

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05-09	Eco Schools, Art Exhibition in school (see above)
05	Nearly New Sale & Lost Property Display 2:45 p.m.
08	Moving Up Day 2:00 p.m. Parents opportunity to meet new teachers
12-16	World Cup Week - Fun for Year 1, details to follow
12	Reports to Parents this week

- 14 9:00 a.m. Assembly for parents of children in Year R
- 15 9:00 a.m. Assembly for parents of children in Year 1
- 16 1:45 p.m. Leavers Assembly for parents of children in Year 2
- 17 Friends of Hazel Wood Summer Fayre, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- 19 Beach Party Lunch, details to follow
- 20 Thank you coffee morning for parents who have helped in school during the year, at 10:00 a.m.
Full Governing Body Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Yr 2 Leavers Party
- 22 Totton's Got Talent
- 23 Last Day of Term - **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 3:00 P.M.**

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