



Darell News

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The weekly newsletter for Darell Primary and Nursery School

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Headteacher Update

Dear all,
I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. The children have a busy half term ahead. This is often the time when children make most progress in their learning. They will also be very busy with so many trips, exciting book week and sporting fixtures planned.

I'd like to remind you of the meeting that will be held this Wednesday with other parents, governors and me to discuss the focus and vision for Darell, what strengths we hold onto and what we might need to change in the future. It will be a chance to share your views and ideas about the school. The meeting is planned for this **Wednesday, 22nd February, 7.00pm to 8.00pm**

It would be good to see as many of you as possible.

Celebrity Help Needed!

We are excited that the building work is nearing completion and we are planning a launch party for our fabulous new building. We are looking for someone who could come to mark the opening. Ideally, we'd like someone with the status of Brad and Angelina, but apparently they're busy! If you know anyone who might be interesting, draw the crowds, be someone the children know and someone who would be willing, then please let us know. It would have to be out of the kindness of their heart; no fee, I'm afraid!

Kind regards,
Laura Whateley

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The Education Welfare Team is monitoring our school attendance this term. As part of that monitoring, they will be visiting school at some point this half term to record any children arriving late. Please ensure your child is in the playground, ready for school, by 8.55 every morning.
Many thanks.

Eco Warriors

As part of our focus for this term on recycling, we will be taking part in a project to exchange unwanted clothes and shoes for great new sports kit. We would like your donations to arrive at school on Tuesday, 27th March. Please could you start collecting the following at home:

- Clean, dry clothes
- Bed linen
- Towels
- Curtains
- Trainers
- Boots
- Sandals
- Shoes



Unfortunately, they cannot collect pillows, duvets, sleeping bags, slippers or single shoes.

1 tonne = 20,000 Sports Points

Every tonne after = 35,000 Sports Points

Safeguarding children

If you have any welfare concerns about a child at Darell or in our local community, please inform Laura Whateley or Vicki Butcher, who will deal with any information sensitively.

Catholic Secondary School Consultation

You may know that there is currently a consultation taking place over a proposed Catholic secondary school and a proposed Catholic primary school on the site of the current Richmond Adult Community College.

It is important that you, as Richmond Borough parents and carers, have a say in the schools that are proposed in this area, as they may impact you and your children.

Please use the following link to access information about the consultation and to make your views known. The consultation is taking place until the 16th of March.

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/council_government_and_democracy/council/council_consultations/consultation_details.htm?id=C00933

Things that go bump in the night...

***Book Week 2012 is coming!** Get ready for a week of exciting activities, including author visits, workshops with illustrators, puppet shows, drama workshops, and much, much more! 5—9 March 2012*

On Friday, the children will find out what this year's competition will be. They will have a whole week to work on their masterpieces, and there will be prizes available for winning entries!

*It costs a large amount of money to keep Book Week running, so we are asking **every child for a donation of £5**. This amount will go a little way to help to pay for all the exciting visitors, and works out at only a pound a day per child!*

Nursery parents' meeting 'Learning to learn'

Parents of children in our Nursery are invited to attend one of our Learning to Learn meetings in the main hall after half term. These take place at **12.40 on Tuesday, 21st February for parents of children in the afternoon Nursery, and at 9.00 on Thursday, 23rd February for parents of children in the morning**



Nursery. Please drop your child off at Nursery at the normal time and come to the main school hall for a talk from Laura Whateley, Ruth Birrell and Corinne Thomas about how you can help your child make the best start on their learning journey.

Barn Church Come and Buy

Come and buy (and have lunch too)!
Jumble sale at the Barn Church Hall,
Atwood Avenue, Kew.

Saturday March 3rd, 11am to 2.30pm.

Entrance £1.

Phone 020 8876 1746 for more info.

Playground Project

You may have noticed some children lurking in the playground before and after school waving green slips of paper around.

The working group for the playground project is canvassing opinions about the playgrounds and wants to hear from you! Please fill in the proffered slip and return to one of the boxes on the playground labelled 'Playground Project'. If you can't find a box, please hand it in to the office or to your child's class teacher.

Thanks very much!
The Working Group

Scarlet Fever

We have had one case of scarlet fever reported in a Reception class.

The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. It may start in one area, but soon spreads to many parts of the body, such as the ears, neck and chest. The rash may be itchy. Someone with scarlet fever will develop a flushed, red face - hence the name scarlet fever - although the skin around the mouth stays white. The tongue may look a bit like a strawberry.

It is an illness that is very easily treated with antibiotics, but it is contagious, and we wanted parents of Reception children to be aware.

Darell Netball

On Wednesday, 1st February, two Darell teams played Marshgate in a league match and a friendly match. In the friendly match, our team played very well, but unfortunately, we lost. What a shame, but don't worry: the team is prepared to give it the best we can. So you schools better watch it because Darell is going back in the game! Players were Amaan, Eli, Maya—Y6, Sarah—Y5, Boo, Holly, Harry D., Ridley—Y4.
Report by Ridley