



# Friday Flier

Regd. Charity 1070991

28th May 2010

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Well, summer seems to have finally arrived, and we celebrated its arrival in style with the **best May Fair I've ever seen** at the school. The weather was fantastic and the school looked so beautiful—the whole place was buzzing with happy energy. I hope everyone had as good a day as I did. Thank you to everyone who helped getting the school ready for the Fair and on the day—I know lots of you spent the whole day here on Saturday and we couldn't have done it without so much help.

Special thanks to **Rob and Rach** and everyone who helped in the cafe, and also to **Oliver** who spent so much time making the school look good before the Fair and then brought practically his entire family to help out on the day. Thank you also to **Eleanor** all the teachers, who put so much time and energy into everything they did at the Fair, including the stunning puppet shows and the gorgeous lemonade that kept us all cool.

So many people put in such a lot of effort it would take all day to write it, all I can say is thank you, thank you, to everyone. It was certainly worth it—the day made just under **£2000**.

Love, Jenny

## Jazz fundraiser

Following hot on the heels of the May Fair, were the Jazz concerts organised by the Rew-Shaw family at QE School in Crediton on the 21st and 22nd May. The concerts, over two evenings, were an extravaganza of music by the QE Jazz Band and various guests. ESS staff and parents ran a cafe during the performances and everyone had a lovely time there. The evenings raised over £400 for our school, as well as funds for the Band.

Thank you so much to Kathryn, John, Annie and their family for organising the concerts, and to everyone who helped out on the days.

## Beautiful Steiner Dolls

Hopefully you saw the beautiful hand-made dolls which Dalia brought to the May Fair. Here's a bit more about them....

I create dolls according to the Steiner inspiration and tradition. They are handmade and all details are carefully thought through, from the choice of materials (wool and fabric) to the colours, hairtype and even dress style. Apart from dolls, I also make puppets, gnomes and animals. They are all made with natural products. As a unique creation they can be made to match the individual requirements of the children. If you would like any more information, please contact me on –

07553038078 or email me on [dalia.lourenco@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dalia.lourenco@yahoo.co.uk)

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Back to school Monday 7th June

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June

Catch us at

EXETER RESPECT FESTIVAL

in

Belmont Park

12noon–6pm

Friday 11th June

8pm

TRANSITION CLASS TALK

by

Richard Moore of Iona School

Saturday 19th June

South Devon Steiner School

SUMMER FAIR

10am to 4pm

Friday 15th July

END OF TERM CELEBRATION AND  
WORK DAY

9am to 2pm

Bring food to share and help put the  
school to bed for the summer

Saturday 31st July

Coffee morning

St. Stephen's Church, High Street

10am–12 noon

Throughout the summer holidays there will be various **work days** for your respective classes, to get the rooms ready for the new school year.

Details will be confirmed soon.

## Use of the school grounds

As summer comes on, it's lovely to see everyone staying around after kindergarten in the afternoons. Soup and shop have even been out there on a Wednesday and it's great that everyone feels so comfortable here. We thought it would be useful to clarify a few things about staying in school so that everyone knows what's happening.

The first thing to say is that the playgrounds are available for use until **2pm on Mondays and Fridays, and until 3.30pm Tuesday to Thursday**. At these times, staff are really quite ready to go home, so please make sure you're ready to go by that time.

Please remember that **between 1pm and 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and between 1pm and 3.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the class children are still in school**, so your children should only be playing in the **main school playground**.

The hard standing area where the bins are (behind the kindergarten building) is out of bounds.

Your children are **your responsibility at all times** outside of kindergarten/school hours and they should be in your sight at all times. Even if there are teachers in the playground, please do not expect them to look after your children.

Please support your children to keep to the **playground rules**:-

- Please sit down to eat;
- no ball games;
- no sticks;
- no bike/scooter/skateboard riding;
- No climbing on any roof, including that of the climbing frame.

If you see any children doing something they shouldn't, please either tell their parents or do something about it yourself.

Hopefully the sun is here to stay and you'll all be able to enjoy our lovely gardens for as long as possible in the next few weeks, when they're at their best.

## Supporting the School

We try to keep our parental contributions as low as possible so that the school is accessible to as many people as possible. Contributions currently cover staff wages, which means that we have to fundraise to cover the rest of our costs.

There have recently been several imaginative events, organised by parents, that have not only raised funds but also made the school more visible. The showing of *We are the people we've been waiting for* at Exeter Phoenix, organised by Adharanand in April, was really successful, as was the coffee morning organised by Charlotte and the jazz concerts organised by the Rew-Shaw family. Simpler and closer to home, Class one-two have raised over £180 this term through the Wednesday soup cafe. These have all shown us that raising funds and the school profile can be relatively easy.

There are thirty four families in school and kindergarten now, plus another fifty or so families in the parent and toddler groups. If each of the kindergarten and class families could raise the equivalent of **£50 a year**, that would give us **£1700 of unrestricted funding for the school**.

It really needn't be hard work—a sponsored walk, a car boot sale, just making and selling cakes in school—all things that can be done with very little effort. There are several events in the offing—we're having a stall at Exeter Respect Festival, and there's another coffee morning coming up on 31st July—and thank you to the people who are organising those, but there's always room for more.

So, if you have any bright ideas for raising either funds or the profile of the school, please don't hold back! If you need any help with promotion/materials or information about the school, please see Jenny or Helen in the office.

### Learning difficulties course

My Waldorf colleague, Jonathan Angus, and I are planning to start in the autumn, in Devon, a training course in therapeutic methods, toward both one-to-one work with children and group work. Audrey McAllen's Extra Lesson exercises form a part and there are other important ingredients.

The theme throughout will be the Development of the Senses, a way of seeing child development out of Rudolf Steiner's work, in practical detail and in the whole picture of a child. **If you are interested, please phone me, Gordon Woolard, on 01364 644241.**

### \*\*\* School Shop\*\*\*

\*\*\*Open Wednesday Lunchtimes\*\*\*

Selling an array of craft materials, toys, books

We stock a range of Stockmar stick and block crayons and paints, and Lyra Ferby crayons, also felting wool and felt, wooden beads, blank lesson books, modelling beeswax, candles, kite paper and books.

love, Ettie and Kate

### Essential food co-operative

The food co-operative order goes in on the **first Monday of the month** and delivered the following Thursday. We ask for a £5 donation on orders over £100 and £2 on orders under £100, all of which goes to the school. If you would like to see the catalogue or place an order, contact Ettie on 01392 841925. You can also see it at [www.essential-trading.org.uk](http://www.essential-trading.org.uk).