



APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

EASTER HOLIDAY

Today, (Thursday 1st April 2010) we break up for the Easter holiday, the most important festival of the Christian calendar. Easter is a celebration of new birth particular relevant to Spring. At this very special time we hope all our families can find time to spend together and celebrate all that is special about family life. Children return to school on Tuesday 20th April 2010.

CANCELLATION OF DISCO

As Arsenal were playing Barcelona on Wednesday evening & following advice from our local Community Police Officers, we decided for the safety of our children to cancel the Easter Disco. We will of course organise an alternative date after the Easter break. We apologise for any upset this may have caused our children.

HOLIDAY READING

Please encourage your child to read everyday of the holiday & keep a record of their reading in their reading diary. Once again all consistent readers will be rewarded on our return from the holiday. Reading is both the easiest & most effective support that you can give your child. Please read with your child every day.

LATENESS

There has been a considerable improvement in children's lateness; we would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have made the effort to

get their children to school on time.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office on 020 7272 5620 extension 206 to report their absence.

UNIFORM SHOP

The next uniform shop will be held on Wednesday 28th April 2010 from 9.00 a.m. until 10.00 a.m.

POLLING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSURE

Advance notice that the school will be closed on **Thursday 6th May 2010** for the local elections.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has come to the Governors attention that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform. Any child who comes to school with the incorrect school uniform will unfortunately have to be sent back home. School uniform is compulsory at Duncombe and the uniform consists of **plain black shoes** (no trainers), Duncombe red polo shirt, Duncombe navy blue sweatshirt, plain dark grey, black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms, trousers or skirts (no jeans, stripes or logos are permitted), plain tights are only permitted preferably red or blue. Please also remember that our PE Kit of navy blue shorts and a white T-shirt are also compulsory & can be

purchased from our Uniform Shop.

SPRING CONCERT

Our children from Years 3, 4 & 5 & our Choir performed the Wonderful World of Disney concert on Tuesday evening. The concert was a great success which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

FAMILY LITERACY

Please see the attached flyer regarding a free Literacy Course that is starting after the Easter Holidays

TATE BRITAIN VISIT

On Monday 26th April members of the Adult Art Club will be visiting the Tate Britain to view the work of Henry Moore. This exciting & fun day is free & open to all parents, not just club members. If you would like to attend, please contact Loraine on 07949 706046.

COMMENIUS VISIT TO LUCCA ITALY

Last week Hayley, Louise & I visited our partner school in Lucca. We were very well received & they all spoke highly of the wonderful Duncombe School in London. It was very interesting to see the high standards of handwriting but the complete lack of any displays. The children were like children anywhere - really welcoming & a delight to be with. We had a wonderful time & will be putting pictures & reports onto our website. We would like to thank the British Council for funding our Partnership.