

# school news

## Feedback on our Schools Guide

Thank you to all of you who got back to us about the Schools Guide in the last issue. If you missed it, you can order a back copy (Tel 8741 6385) or full details are on our website and it will be updated and re-issued next Autumn.

Apologies to Dulwich parents many of whom let us know immediately that we had omitted local favourite, **Herne Hill School**, an independent co-ed pre-prep with an attached nursery. *Herne Hill School, SE24, Tel 020 7274 6336 www.hernehillschool.co.uk*

Also sorry to **Eaton House** who have asked us to make it clear that entry to the school at Reception is non-selective



## Schools helping schools

Herne Hill School put us in touch with **School Aid**, a charity that transports much needed school supplies, books etc to schools in Africa. Herne Hill School has formed an alliance with Kanya Primary in Cape

Town. They aim to form long lasting links which will not only help a desperately poor school but will also provide benefits to Herne Hill children, making them more appreciative of the material comfort they enjoy and more aware of the world they live in. Other schools that support School Aid include Falkner House, Francis Holland, St Anthony's Hamstead and St James Independent Schools. *If your school would like to know more, contact www.school-aid.org. Tel 01753 883853*

## Lice Assassins

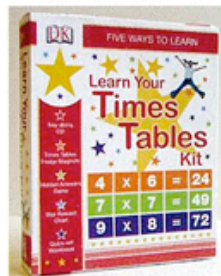
It is estimated that nearly half of all 4-11 year-olds in the UK are visited by lice and nits each year and £30million is spent on getting rid of them.

The **Hairforce** is a new service with 'lice assassins' available to visit your school or home to de-nit your child's hair by hand. They find the children are more than happy to play Nintendo, DVD and PSP in a specially designed games' chair. The service isn't cheap but they guarantee results. *www.thehairforce.co.uk Tel 07720 838 271*



## Learn your tables with Carol Vorderman

Learning times table is like a rite of passage: every one just has to do it at some point. So why not make your child's life that much easier with help from the queen of numbers herself. Attacking from every direction is Carol Vorderman's approach: hidden answer games are the most popular in our household but the fridge magnets, CD and poster are all good reinforcements too. There is also a quick-wit workbook and there are certificates and gold stars for encouragement. *Carol Vorderman's Times Table Made Easy: Five ways to master multiplication, £9.99 DK*



## Has your child lost his/her spark?

Change can be exhilarating and challenging when we keep up but de-motivating and stressful when we don't. Children are not immune. Any child can suffer from a little wobble especially at transition times in the primary years.

We asked Gail Hugman, from Lessons Alive, which are the stages to watch out for:

**Age 5** Starting school – children's behaviour can change when what happens doesn't match what they had expected.

**Age 7/8** Year 3 – with the transition to KS2, suddenly the world seems like an awfully big place and confidence plummets.

**Age 9/10** Early signs of puberty start to be felt and bring the need for another new way of thinking.

Support, encouragement and enthusiasm from parents is crucial. If you feel your child is struggling, always raise it with the school first. One of the most important things is getting the child to 'buy into' the concept of learning at school. It's at times like these that children's concentration wavers and slipping behind turns into not wanting to learn – a little unbiased, impartial support can work wonders.

*LessonsAlive – Motivating Children from Within Tel 020 8563 1768 www.lessonsalive.com*

## Eaton Square School children singing for Honeypot

The Honeypot Charity provides weekend and holiday breaks in the New Forest for severely disadvantaged inner city kids. Their annual Christmas Carol Concert is at St Luke's Chelsea on 7th December. Carols will be led by the award winning 'London Community Gospel Choir' and Eaton Square School. Other performances include a reading by GMTV presenter John Stapleton. Tickets: £25 Adults £12 Children (over 12s)

*For more information ring 7823 2397 or email emma@honeypot.co.uk*



## DURSTON HOUSE



### Main School

Durston House welcomes visits from interested parents at any time during the week. Do come to see us at work and play in the Junior School (age 4-7) and Main School (age 7-13). The Headmaster, staff and pupils will be very pleased to see you. To book an appointment call the School Secretary on 020 8991 6530.

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Durston House has been a feature of Ealing life for 120 years, always independent and proud of its impressive record of academic success. As a preparatory school for pupils aged 4-13 years, it has prepared boys for major senior schools, both in the London area and further afield. Its record of placement and achievement of scholarship to these schools is outstanding.

### Junior School (Middleton's)

