

## Stop Press

We always knew the day would come when some particularly deserving pupil would be unable to take up a place in Secondary School because of a lack of funds. I instructed our Director to let me know if this happened so that we could help. Diksha, who I have written about before, is our first such case. She did very well in her entrance exams and got a place at a good Girls School. Her course will last 8 years, and we have committed to covering her costs for the whole period. SAI does not usually have money to spare, so we have been asked to set up the Diksha Fund to support any especially needy children through their education. If anyone wishes to contribute to this fund they should send donations to me in the usual way noting that it is for the Diksha Fund. I have already received £100 to start it off.

**Don't miss our Celebration Strawberry Tea on June 25th . See enclosed flier**

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## Letter From Helen Jones

In the 10 years since we opened Roseberry School I have been humbled many times by the dedication of our staff in Darjeeling. They are very poor by our standards, and struggling in their own daily lives, but still they want to help others even worse off than themselves, especially their pupils. Here in the UK I have been almost overwhelmed by the generosity of our supporters over the years, and I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. Last Christmas the Great Ayton parish churches and a local choir together raised over £6000 while many cheques from private donors came through the post. So we now have the full amount needed to construct our new pre-school building.

### TOGETHER WE ARE CHANGING LIVES

.....as I saw for myself when I visited Darjeeling in April and joined them in their 10th Anniversary celebrations. The school was swept and polished and decorated with hand made bunting, and with displays of work that the children were doing. There were performances of Nepali dancing, as well as recitations and songs in English. Many ex pupils came to visit and made impromptu speeches of thanks to their old teachers. I was almost submerged by the presentation of ceremonial white silk Kadas in thanks.

The following week, school settled back to normal, and our visiting Teaching Consultant Sarah worked day and night to provide guidance to the staff. Primary teaching is not my field of expertise, and the teachers have progressed far beyond my ability to help, so I felt virtually redundant. This is exactly as things should be.

Roseberry is already being heralded as the best Primary School in Darjeeling and begins its second 10 years with the promise of even greater things to come.

Work on the new building is planned to start in late November, and should be completed by the start of the new school year.

