

# Trowse Primary School

*The half way point of a school year. Already!*



## Special Week

Special week has been fabulous! The children have spent time learning all sorts of facts and new skills using the Go-Go Hare project as the stimulus for the week. On Friday afternoon the pupils will be presenting what they have achieved, learnt or made for others to view. Children will then go around the other classes to see what they have been learning. This is a lovely focus for the children, to know that what they are doing is going to be seen by all the other pupils and teachers too! I have included a snapshot for you of what has been going on this week on the final page.

## Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings this term are to be held **on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 3:30 – 6:30 and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 5:00- 8:00**. These are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher privately to have a conversation about how they are getting on academically and socially at the mid-way point in the year and find out how you can best help at home with supporting learning. Just as a reminder, the way it works is that we put up 'sign up sheets' in the main school entrance near the office from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February (after half term) and ask that you come in and sign up for a specific time slot on one of the days.

## Sponsored Spell

Your children will have been, or are soon to be given, a word list of age appropriate words for them to learn how to spell over the next 3 weeks. Accompanying this newsletter is the sponsor form for you to fill in with your family and friends to help motivate your child to learn as many as possible and help raise money for the Break Charity (the charity associated with the Go-Go Hares). Please either fill in a 'per word' amount or a 'flat fee'. The week preceding World Book Day, the children will carry out their written, sponsored spell in class. They need to have their sponsor form in school on the day of the sponsored spell. Forms will then come back home with the teacher having filled in the amount of words your child got correct so you can then donate the appropriate amount. We would like to gather all sponsor money in by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

The top 3 spellers from each year group will proceed to a 'Spelling Bee' Final, to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March in the hall. They will be tested on different, challenging words, to find a winner per year group!

## Dates at a glance...

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

School Discos

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

3:15- Half term

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

8:55- Back to school

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

KS2 children- internet safety

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February- 9am- school hall

Parent meeting- Internet Safety

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The sponsor money will raise much needed funds for Break- the charity that has organised the Go-Go Hares project. Break's core business is the provision of children's homes for Looked After Children in their home Local Authority. Break has six mainstream children's homes in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire and a Therapeutic Fostering Service offering single placements to traumatised young people.

Your child's class teacher will let you know which words your child will need to learn to spell soon!

## World Book Day - Dress Up! (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March)

There is also a special challenge on World Book Day itself: it will be a non-uniform day and your child can dress as a word from their word list! Some words are self-explanatory but there will be prizes of book tokens for the most creative costume!

## Internet Safety

On Tuesday this week it was national 'Safer Internet Day'. Every year we like to make sure we mark this in some way. As it had been special week, we have decided to leave internet safety until after half term. On the afternoon of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, we will have Zita Matthews (Norfolk Constabulary, Safer Schools Partnerships) to discuss internet safety with all KS2 children. The following day, I would like to invite you in to a meeting on how to keep your children safe online at 9am, for one hour. This is not just aimed at parents of the oldest children, but everyone. If we can stay on top of new technologies, emerging themes and how to protect our children for forming good family habits and rules, the earlier the better. Please try to make time to attend to hear about this really important topic.

## Breakfast Club and After School Childcare

We are very aware that family life can but busy and to assist working parents, sometimes breakfast clubs, after school clubs or formal child care, are necessary. To this end, eight year ago we set up our successful Breakfast Club. Every couple of years or so since, we canvas opinion of the parent community to see what the current needs are. Recently, the government produced a document called '*Wraparound and Holiday Childcare- Parent and childcare provider rights to request*'. In this document, the process of consultation should include the following stages. Schools should:

1. Inform parents of their 'right to request' wraparound childcare;
2. Inform parents how the requests will be collected;
3. Establish a threshold for considering requests;
4. Gauge wider demand across the school;
5. Make a decision and Inform parents of the decision.

On point number one, you have the right to request that the school consider setting up child care. We obviously already have a before school breakfast Club, but do not run childcare through to 6pm. On point number 2, this collection window is set as next half term. When we get to Easter, we will review if any requests have been made and the Governing Body will decide if there is sufficient interest to progress to the next stage of work. We need from you:

- Parents' requests should be written (by letter or email) and dated, so that the school can log requests and keep a record.
- ages of the children requiring childcare;
- when provision is most needed; (what times are ideal, what days of the week or how many days a week)

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## Clubs

As always, we try to provide a range of after school clubs for children of various ages. Below is a table detailing what is available for the Spring term. If your child attends a club, we do expect them to be committed to attending every week.

If you would like your child to attend a club, but know finances are very difficult, the school may be able to help if the club is linked to health and fitness (Dance & Pilates). If your child is in receipt of free school meals or has been in the past, please do speak to Mrs Andrews in the office if you are in a position of requiring financial assistance.

Day	Club	Provider	Who is it for?	Collection Time	Notes..
Monday	-	-	-	-	-
Tuesday	Dance Club	Miss Harcourt	Year 1-6	4:15	£2 per session, booked termly.
	Grub Club	Mrs Huxtable	Y1-6	4:15	£2 per session
Wednesday	Karate	Aem-Hai Karate	Years 1-6	4.30	This is a club with a fee- external provider (Not 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – parents evening)
Thursday	Film Club	Mr Odell	Reception – Year 6	4:15	£2 per session, booked termly.
Friday	Pilates	Miss Harcourt	Year 1-6	4:15	£2 per session, booked termly.

## All Important Calendar Dates!

Friday 9th February-	Celebration Assembly 9:00. Half term
Monday 19th February-	Back to School- parents evening sign-up sheets up
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	KS2 children- Internet Safety
Thursday 22nd February-	Parent Internet safety meeting- 9- 10 am-in the school hall
Thursday 22nd February-	Year 5 Maths challenge @ Taverham Hall School- pm
Friday 23rd February-	Year 6 Maths challenge @ Taverham Hall School- pm
Tuesday 27th February-	Y5 & 6 Tag rugby team out competing
Wednesday 28th February-	Parents evening 3:30-6:30
Thursday 1st March-	Dress up day & Parents evening 5:00 - 8:00
Tuesday 13th March-	Year 5 'Food and Farming' day at Norfolk Showground
Thursday 15th March-	Reception children NHS screening (hearing, vision height & weight)
Wednesday 28th March-	Celebration Assembly 9:00. End of term
Monday 16th April-	summer term starts

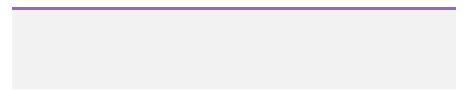
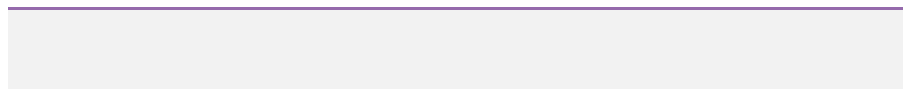
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Go-Go Hares!



Special week has been great! Here are some images of the children's learning: maths tangrams using 2D shapes, art making a 3D Hare with decoupage finish, cooking hare shape biscuits and writing the story of the Hare and the Tortoise. What a week!



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