

# Trowse Primary School

*The final half term..!*



## Firstly, Important Calendar Dates!

Our key dates are also on a new calendar page in our website. Go to 'info for parents' then select 'calendar' from the right hand side. We hope this proves useful for you.

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Girls 'Kwik Cricket' y5 & 6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tennis tournament- y3 & 4
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	School photographer- class photos
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Car safety talk- class 3
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Golf and Cricket county finals
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 4 sailing week (RYA qualification)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 1 & 2 trip to Banham Zoo
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	School Fete 11-2
Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tues, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class 3 Eaton Vale residential
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 4 'Crucial Crew' visit
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon 3:15- 4:15
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon at the Ski Club- 1:30
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Super Learning Day at Fram
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Intake Day at Fram
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	CNS Induction week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Celebration Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Awards Assembly 9.00am
	School finishes for Summer
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff training day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Term starts for pupils

## Dates at a glance...

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Back to school

Cricket Team- round 2

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Girls 'Kwik cricket'

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Tennis team- y3 & 4

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Class photos

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Golf county finals

Cricket county finals

## .....Job opportunities.....

We still need a caretaker! Anyone know anyone? It's a really important job in school and one where you can really feel part of a lovely team. If you know anyone who is interested, get them to phone the school so we can explain more about the role. p

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## Supporting the Future of Education

As a school we always try to support the teaching profession in a number of ways and have done so for some years. We want to make sure we play our part in making the schools of the future as good as they can be. I thought it might be interesting for you to know how we do this.

1. We support local high schools and host a small number of high school students on 'work placements'.
2. We support the UEA with their teacher training programme. We host a student studying for their PGCE- they complete their school practice in school. This year it is the turn of Class 2 and Mr Beesley.
3. We also send a member of staff along to the UEA (Mrs Rush this year) to interview next year's PGCE candidates to help decide who gets on the course.
4. We work with NILE (Norwich Institute for Language Education) in the summer term to host teachers from other parts of the world. This term we will have a number of Swiss teachers as well a group from Madrid. These are valuable experiences for the pupils and staff alike.
5. We also support aspiring Headteachers. We are designated a 'Leadership Development School'. We support someone from another school undertaking their NPQH (National Professional Qualification of Headship) They carry out a school based project here at Trowse and work with me on various aspects of leadership so they can one day be a Headteacher themselves!

It is important to note that we learn from visitors to school; it not all about them learning from us. We find it refreshing and engaging to talk to people from other schools and countries to help us reflect and improve what we do. To this end I recently visited Sweden to spend time in two schools with a particular style of education. I will be working with two other local schools (who also visited) to see what we can take from it and can improve the education of pupils here in Norfolk.

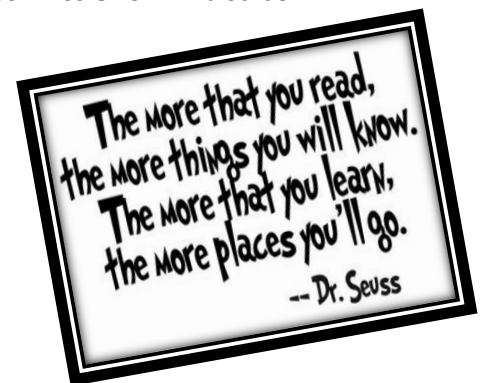
## Summer Term Leavers

As we approach the end of the year it is often time that people will be leaving us. Apart from the y6 pupils who will move on to their respective high schools, we will also be saying goodbye to a number of members of staff. Firstly, Mrs Milne, who has been an MSA for a while and more recently the school cleaner too, will be moving on. Miss Skate who works 1-2-1 with a pupil with high needs will also be moving on in her career. Finally, Mrs Rogers, who has worked with us for 30 years will be retiring from her role as class 1 teaching assistant. I have been told that when Mrs Rogers started here the toilets were outside and she had to chip through the ice on cold winter mornings! Well, things have changed a lot at this school during her time here but she has remained the same: professional, hard working, kind, thoughtful and happy. She will be missed by all of us.

Mrs Huxtable who works 1 day a week in Class 1 now will be working 4 days a week in September, with the 5<sup>th</sup> day being Miss Sizer, who currently works in Breakfast club with occasional TA days. Miss Sizer will also be working with children across the school at other times of the week.

## Reading!

Now the weather is warm children spend more time outside. Please don't forget to find the time every day to read with your child. They should read to you every day and you can then talk about what they read to build up their comprehension and inference skills.



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## English Weather

In this warm weather, please do make sure your child has a hat and a water bottle as well as having been 'sun creamed' at home before coming to school. If you want your child to re-apply sun cream they will of course need to have it with them and will need to be able to apply it themselves. I'm sure you can appreciate that logistically we can't re-apply to 107 children!

Also in the summer term we get a lot more lost property. Firstly, please make sure everything is named- sweatshirts, shoes, water bottles- that way we can return items easily. Otherwise, if you know something is missing, the lost property is in the hall.

## Sporting Success- again!

Well done to the quad-kids athletics team for progressing through to the next round. Also, the golf team won their competition convincingly as did the cricket team. They are all through to the Norfolk finals!

## 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 summer term. If your child attends a club, we do expect them to be committed to attending every week. Some clubs are full, some still have spaces- just ask. 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, Karate & 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.



Day	Club	Provider	Who is it for?	Collection Time	Notes..
<b>Monday</b>	Dodgeball and fitness	<i>4ward Sports</i>	Reception – Y6	8:15 start	£1 per session (free if already in breakfast club)
	Craft Club	Miss Bonham	Class 1 & 2	4:15	£3 per session, booked termly.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dance Club	Miss Harcourt	Year 1-6	4:15	£2 per session, booked termly. NOT July 17 <sup>th</sup> (discos)
	Grub Club	Mrs Huxtable	Year 1-6	4:15	£2 per session, booked termly.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Karate Club	<i>Aem-Hai Karate</i>	Years 1-6	4.30	This is a club with a fee-external provider
<b>Thursday</b>	Film Club	Mr Odell	Reception – Year 6	4:15	£2 per session, booked termly.
<b>Friday</b>	Yoga	Miss Harcourt	Reception -6	8:15 start	£1 per session (free if already in breakfast club)
	Kayaking Club	<i>Norwich Canoe Club</i>	Class 3 & 4	4:45	£60 for the 10 wk block

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## Punctuality and Attendance

Punctuality has improved to a degree- thank you for all your efforts, it has been noticed. Please continue to make sure you arrive between 8:45 and 8:55. It is expected that children are in line when the bell goes at 8:55. We still have approximately 10% of pupils who arrive after 8:55 regularly and would like to see this reduce.

With regard to attendance I would like to remind you that it is not expected that children go on a family holiday during term time. I am not allowed to authorise this kind of absence and it will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's record. Below are some extracts from the Local Authority's web pages on attendance and fixed penalty notices.



*This guide is produced to answer any questions parents may have.*

*Under Section 444 of the Education Act, an offence occurs if a parent/carer fails to secure their child's regular attendance at the school where they are a registered pupil, and the absence is not authorised by the school. Only headteachers can authorise absence and the only legal reasons for absence are:*

- 1. That the absences are with leave (ie that they have been agreed by the headteacher).*
- 2. That the absences are because of sickness or unavoidable cause.*
- 3. That the absences fall on days of religious observance for the religion to which parents belong.*
- 4. That the child is entitled to free transport to school and the County Council has failed to provide this.*

*With regard to point 1 above, can my child take time off (leave) during term time?*

*Headteachers can allow time off during term time. However, the Department for Education has made it very clear that a headteacher must only authorise such absences in exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts of the case. Before speaking to the school parents should consider how the absences will affect their child's education. National statistics show ten days of absence in any academic year have a negative effect on attainment. (This equates to an attendance percentage of below 95%)*

*If absences do not fall into any of these four categories or the school has not been informed of reasons for absence, absences will be marked as unauthorised. Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced powers for issuing fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school. The Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations came into force on 27 February 2004. These were updated with amendments in 2007, 2012 and 2013.*

*In Norfolk, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol (May 2014).*

*A school can refer a case to the County Council to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for either:*

- 1. Fifteen percent or more unauthorised absence for reasons **other than** a term-time holiday within a six week period*
- 2. Ten consecutive sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence where some or all of the absence may be attributed to an unauthorised holiday in term-time (for absences from 1 September 2017)*

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