



TROWSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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What a busy start to the new year...

Parent consultation evenings

They will be held on Monday 15th & Wednesday 17th March. This is a CHANGE to the previously advertised dates. We have decided to do this for a number of reasons, all of which revolve around what is best for the children.

Competitive sports

A group of year six children went to the UEA recently to compete against 15 other schools in a 5-a-side competition. I was very proud of their performance as they beat schools much bigger than us!

In the near future we have children going to the tag rugby finals (after having got through the group stage) at Wymondham Rugby Club and a team of children will be going to Thetford forest to compete in cross-country running. We will also send children to the South Norfolk swimming gala in March. Overall it is a busy time for sports and I am very pleased we are joining in with so many events and not only 'joining in', but 'doing very well at' too!

Safer Internet Day 'Think before you post'

Tuesday 9th February marks Safer Internet Day for 2010. This day is part of a focus week on Internet safety and the staff here will be continuing to help children learn about keeping safe online. There are many websites out there to help you as parents support your children's safety at home too. Try <http://www.saferinternet.org/web/guest/home> and click on 'parents' to see how you can help your child stay safe.

School Dinners

As we receive our meals from the high school, The Head Chef there is interested in feedback and future developments in the menus he offers to us. As a result of this, he and another representative of the High School came along to see lunchtime here and to talk to the children about the meals. The children's feedback was listened to and the service and menus will continue to develop. School dinners are ordered on a daily basis and as the menus are available in advance children do not have to sign up for a week at a time- if there is a day they like, they can have a school dinner, if it is a day you know they will not like you can provide a packed lunch for them.

Musical instrument tuition

Instrument tuition is made available to the children every year and we always have a level of interest. At the moment however we have great demand for this service. The tuition is generally available for children in classes 3 and 4 as children who are physically smaller may struggle handling the instruments. At the moment over half of the children in classes 3 and 4 receive tuition in at least one instrument- this is a fantastic situation to be in. I firmly believe that having enrichment opportunities for the children such as music and sports already mentioned above pay dividends in their attitude to school, their motivation and ultimately, their learning. Thank you for supporting your children in these opportunities.

And finally...

Class One are putting out a plea for anyone who could donate large toys to the school. We are after good quality, nearly new condition toys for the children to use in class time for role play etc. If you think you can help please see Mrs Woodcock, or call the school office.

Stuart Odell
HEAD TEACHER

Important Forthcoming Dates (please also visit website calendar regularly)

Friday 12th February- Non- uniform day for Haiti. Theme- be a book character!
Monday 22nd February- Tag Rugby finals
Tuesday 23rd February- Years 5 & 6 Cross country team to Thetford
Friday 26th February- FOTS meeting
Monday 1st March- Parent Support Advisor drop in session- 9am
Thursday 4th March- World Book Day
Tuesday 9th March- Years 3 & 4 Cross country race
Thursday 11th March- One Stop Parent Shop- Positive parenting techniques. (see website for more details)
Monday 29th March- Swimming Gala

Breakfast club

The booking for next half term will soon be available. If you have already registered with the club, you need only fill in the booking form. If you have not used the service before, please complete both the 'registration form' and the 'booking form'. Please return all forms to the school office with correct payment. Sessions are charged at £2.80 per day, with all food and drink included in this price. For more details or forms, call in to the office.
Some parents have sent in toothbrushes and toothpaste for their children to brush their teeth after breakfast. This is great and something we encourage all to do.

From Kariann Ellis, our PSA

East City Children's Centre

The Children's centre providing for our area is Just off Barrett Road. Please view their website to see what they have to offer and if it is of use to you. They carry out outreach work in our area. To find out what is available to you, go to:

www.eastcity.childrencentre.org

Click on 'Whats On' the select 'Outreach' to find out what is happening that can help you and your family.

Parent Forums

Monday 1st March- 9am

Parent Support Advisor drop in session. Come and have a cup of tea and a chat- find out how she can help you.

Wednesday 3rd February- 9am

Consultation on the school behaviour policy.

Wednesday 24th March- 9am

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FOTS

The FOTS have arranged another exciting opportunity for the children and parents. On March 11th the school hall will be transformed into a gallery for an art exhibition. All the children will have made a special piece of art work, which will be mounted and framed and put on display in our gallery. Families are invited to come and look at the whole exhibition after school and to purchase their child's piece of work. The money raised from the sales will cover the costs of putting on the exhibition and leave some as money raised for the school.
One final point- Mothering Sunday is two days after the exhibition....