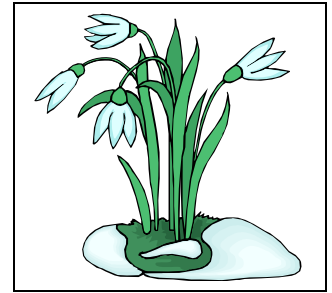




# Trowse Primary School

## Spring Newsletter First Half Term – 2008/09



### The snow has gone and spring is here...

A few weeks ago I sent out a questionnaire to all parents asking for your views on aspects of school life. Thank you for responding in number- we received back 73% of questionnaires- a pleasing response. Maybe the raffle ticket attached to all of them helped slightly! The winner was number 385! Come in to collect your prize!

The results were overwhelmingly positive, as you will be able to see below. This is testament to the hard work all the staff put in to your child's education. I am continually impressed at the learning I see in school and am pleased you recognise this too. There is, as always, something to learn from the results. Four areas for me to consider in the future are; how well you feel you are informed about your child, how closely you feel the school works with you, knowledge of the governors and how you feel we make links with the community. I will be following these in due course, partly through parent forums, so do try to attend when you can!

	Strongly agree & tend to agree	Tend to disagree & strongly disagree
My child likes school.	<b>94%</b>	<b>6%</b>
My child is making good progress in school.	<b>91%</b>	<b>9%</b>
I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on.	69%	31%
The school expects my child to work hard & achieve his/her best.	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>
The school works closely with parents.	57%	43%
I would feel comfortable approaching the school.	<b>92%</b>	<b>8%</b>
The school is helping my child develop self-discipline, motivation and confidence.	<b>94%</b>	<b>6%</b>
I know who the school governors are and what they do.	49%	51%
The school makes good links with the community.	78%	22%
I find the termly curriculum plan informative.	<b>91%</b>	<b>9%</b>
Parents value school performances.	<b>98%</b>	<b>2%</b>
I find the end of year report informative & easy to read.	<b>89%</b>	<b>11%</b>
The school newsletter is informative & helpful.	<b>98%</b>	<b>2%</b>
The school has a good reputation.	<b>98%</b>	<b>2%</b>
The pupils set a good example in their appearance and behaviour.	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>
I would recommend the school to other parents.	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>

Plans for European Week move on apace. The children will be learning about one specific country in their class, each class choosing a different country. All classes will have a clear focus- to promote their country any provide a display on Friday afternoon for children and parents to see. The children will prepare for the display all week, then on Friday afternoon, all children will see the other three classes, as well as being in their own class to receive parent visitors to view their work. We will welcome parents from 2.15- 3.00pm to come in and look around at the children's 'European' learning- your child's class and others too!

As I write to you the only Parent Forum that has happened so far was the first one on Maths. This was well received by the parents who attended I believe. I am looking forward to seeing more of you during parents evening on Wednesday in the hall to talk about Internet safety and then on 25<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the role of the governors from 2.15pm.

All in all, I look forward to seeing lots of you soon- European week, a Parent Forum or Celebration Assembly. It will be lovely that so many of you will have the opportunity to come in and share in the learning of your children.

Stuart Odell

**HEAD TEACHER**

## Dates for your Diary

Red Nose Day- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Non School Uniform day- £1 per child

European Week- w/c 30<sup>th</sup> March- parents welcome on Friday at 2.15pm

Easter Holidays – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

May Day – 4<sup>th</sup> May

Summer Half Term Holiday - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**School Closed for Inset Training – 1/7/09**

End of Term – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### **Cross Country Team**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 11 children travelled to Thetford to take part in the Area Cross country championships. There were 27 schools there, lots of them bigger in number than us. Despite this, our children, as a team, came 5<sup>th</sup> overall, a highly commendable performance! Further to this, three of the children qualified for the Norfolk Finals, to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> April!



### **Dig in...**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Of March, There will be a 'dig-in' on the allotment after school. Please come along with your wellies if you can as a family to help prepare the land for the new growing season.

### **Vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant**

An MSA is required to support the children at lunchtimes. 8.75 hours per week. Term time only. Scale 1 (£6.28 per hour). Application forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded at

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/schooljobs](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/schooljobs)

### ***The Kitchen, what next?***

*Next week a building company will be coming in to start the process of taking forward the plans for the kitchen. Part of the room will stay as a dining centre servery to deal with the hot dinners. The rest will be designed as a flexible space to meet the needs of food technology, DT, art and anything else we need it to be! It will have tables so that it can be used for parent forums, or general subject teaching of groups of children too. Flexibility is the key. I am particularly excited about the possibilities for food technology and having parents in regularly to help teach the children about healthy food choices and cooking some of your favourite simple recipes with the children.*

### **Would you like to join a Friends of Trowse School Association?**

We're looking to establish a proactive group comprised of parents/carers who will co-ordinate a range of activities such as fundraising for the school and its children, social events, second hand clothing bank, etc.

If you feel you have something to offer, or have ideas for us, please register your interest by email to Katie Murphy at [katie@modusagendi.co.uk](mailto:katie@modusagendi.co.uk) or call/text 07775585083.. The Launch will be on **11<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm** in the school hall. Why not come and see us!

### **Parent Forums- Topics and feedback question**

25/3/09 – 2.15pm

**Governors – Who are they and what do they do?**

Do you think the school allotment is a good idea?

21/4/09- 5pm

**Interactive Whiteboards- what are they?**

Communication- how can we improve further?

5/5/09- 9am

**Websites to support learning at home.**

When is the best time for these sessions?