



TROWSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2009
September



A new school year- a warm welcome to our new families.

A new school year is always an exciting time. Children up early and excited, wearing their uniform, eager to get to school. But it is an exciting time for all of us too.

Class 1 now have a much bigger classroom to learn in. Lots of areas are set up in there and the children have easy access to all of them without being cramped. If you haven't seen the new classroom yet, feel free to put your head around the door. I'm sure Mrs Elvin and Mrs Woodcock would love to show off their new room!

We also have a new room for children where the School Kitchen used to be. The room is suitable for half a class at a time and we are planning on using it for practical work and cooking to help them learn in a very real way about adopting healthy lifestyles. If you can offer us some time and enjoy cooking with children, let us know!

Mrs Hallam has a new school servery area for the serving of hot school dinners. We receive our meals from Framingham Earl high School and we now have a proper hot food counter to ensure that all children, whether they get served first or last, receive piping hot food. We believe having a purpose built servery area will enhance the dining experience for all children and I hope that numbers may increase as a result- staff regularly eat a hot dinner themselves. I am also pleased that the High School were able to set the meal price at £2.10 this term. Remember children can be hot dinners on a day by day basis. Just look at the menus and decide which days your child will be hot dinners and which days they will be packed lunch. You do not have to adopt an 'all or nothing' approach.

As a final note on the topic of our building work, I would like to thank everyone involved in making sure the school was ready to receive children on the first day of term- particularly Mr Self who worked long hours to ensure the school, was clean and tidy.

Motivation. On the first day of term for teachers and I discussed the rather deep topic of how to foster intrinsic motivation in children. This is a topic I find extremely important and we spent a long time considering how we best achieve highly motivated individuals who will go on and continue to be highly motivated through their high school and into adult life. This was a topic of a Parent Forum last term but I will be repeating it this academic year as I believe it is the partnership between us that will really make the difference. The topics for this terms Parent Forums are on the reverse of this letter, on the School website and are displayed in the School Foyer.

Website. The new-look school website is now live. We hope that everyone will find it more useful and contain the information everyone needs. This would not have happened if it were not for the skills and willingness of Mr Portman- thank you. If you have any constructive feedback or suggestions, please e-mail me or chat to me on the playground.

FOTS. The friends are organising a 'quiz and chips' evening for Friday the 16th October. You can download an entry form from the school website FOTS page, and then obtain tickets from the school office. Places are limited so get your entry form in quick!

Breakfast Club. Our breakfast club started as scheduled on the first day of term. Children are enjoying a healthy, plentiful breakfast in a relaxed setting in the new tech room and are then engaged in activities. If you are interested in this service, please contact the school office or look on the school website under 'Extended Schools'.

Stuart Odell

HEAD TEACHER

Important Forthcoming Dates

(please also check website calendar as this will be updated more frequently)

- 30th September- Parent Forum- 7.30pm- a guide to the new school website
- 5th October- National Book Week
- 16th October- FOTS quiz and chips
- 19th & 20th October- Parents Evenings
- 23rd October- Half term
- 2nd November- Teacher Training Day- children **not** in. Children return on Tuesday 3rd.
- 2nd December- Parent Forum- 7.30pm- curriculum developments in school
- 7th & 8th December- KS1 Christmas Performances- 2PM
- 15th & 16th December- KS2 Christmas Performances- 4pm & 6pm respectively.
- 18th December- End of term

Important Notice

Framingham Earl Kitchen will not be able to cook hot meals on Tuesday 22nd September as essential maintenance is taking place and the kitchens will have no water supply for the day. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch on this occasion. Framingham Earl High, and we, apologise for any inconvenience.

Head Lice

As we are at the start of the term, please ensure you are being vigilant with regard to head lice. If we can catch them early, we hopefully contain the spread of them.



Winter Clothing

Now that the weather is getting much colder, please make sure that your child has a suitable, warm coat every day. They can, of course, bring gloves, hat and scarves – but these too should be named.

If clothing, usually PE kit, not belonging to your child does arrive at home – please drop them into the office and we will make sure it finds its correct owner.

Have you seen our new school website?

www.trowseprimaryschool.co.uk