



# TROWSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Newsletter  
First Half Term – 2008/09



Welcome back to the summer term!

It's a busy term with a lot going on! There are currently a number of projects ongoing which all tie together that I thought I'd share with you.

Firstly, the school website will be changing. Mr Portman is currently redesigning the website in order to gain more user functionality and be of even greater use to all in the school community. We hope the new look website will be ready for testing by July. This will, hopefully, lead to a more formal 'launch' from the start of September.

We are also redesigning the school brochure alongside this. A new style, layout and content will show Trowse Primary School to be the excellent school it is! The new brochure will be ready for the new intake parents meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Finally, tying the two together is the potential redesign of the school logo. Lots of people have mentioned to me since January about this possibility, and although I was not planning on anything so radical in my first year here, it would seem timely to tie it in with the website and Brochure redesign. The children have been asked for their ideas on the school logo, but I'm also interested if YOU have any ideas. If you have an artistic flare and spare half an hour, why not draw what you think would be good in a new logo for the school. All submissions to be made to the school office by this Friday please!

On a different subject, some of you may have seen from the notices around school, we are developing the use of the allotment further for the children. Raised planting beds are to be put on the land to make it easier for the children to garden and easier to allocate growing spaces. I hope in the long term that the produce grown will become part of food technology lessons in our soon to be redesigned kitchen area, where the children will learn about and prepare food. I feel that learning about all aspects of being healthy, including growing and preparing your own food, will benefit the children immensely in their future lives.

Finally, please make sure you take note of all the diary dates on the back of this newsletter- it's a busy term and we don't want you to miss anything!

*Stuart Odell*

**HEAD TEACHER**

## **Packed Lunches**

You may have noticed that your child is bringing home uneaten food in their lunch boxes, rather than emptying it at school. We hope that this is proving useful to you in giving an idea about what your child is eating at school. We have asked the children to discard any uneaten yoghurts as these are obviously quite messy in the lunch boxes. We would be interested in your feedback

## Themes and Areas of Learning for this term.

Your child should bring home details of our learning for this term, relevant to their own class or year group. If there is anything that you feel you can help us with, e.g. resources or useful skills – please let us know!

## Important Forthcoming Dates for remainder of School Year 08/09

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Spring Term
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1 Visit to the Dinosaur Park
25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Cluster Choir Practice
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Cluster Concert – Class Three
19 <sup>th</sup> June	School Fete
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	New Intake Parents Information Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class Two – Visit to How Hill
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Intake Afternoon – Class One
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Intake Afternoon – Class One
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Staff Training Day – <b>School Closed</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Science Olympiad
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Four – PGL visit - Caythorpe Court
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon – whole school
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 4 - Year 6 Crucial Crew event
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Intake Afternoon/Whole School move up day
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year Six Transition Day 1
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year Six Transition Day 2
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Junior Performance
16 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Junior Performance

## **SUN HATS AND SUN CREAM**

As the weather is getting warmer, you may like to send a sun hat in for your child. Please can you make sure that it has a name in it in case it goes astray. Your child may bring in a named roll on sun cream, which they can apply themselves, but please remind them that it shouldn't be shared. Staff cannot apply sun cream to your child.



### Thank you...

Thank you to all of you, who came and supported our special 'European week' before Easter. There was approximately three quarters of children who had a visitor from their family on the day and the children loved being able to 'show off' what they had done that week. This style of event will be repeated in the future, so keep an eye out!

Thanks too go to the parents who supported their children at Celebration Assembly on the last Friday. It was great to see so many of you celebrate your children's successes with us.

### SATs Week

This year's SATs will take place during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May. This is a particularly important week for our Year Six children, however all the junior children in Years 3 to 5 will be accessing the QCA optional tests as usual. The outcomes of these tests are very important in enabling us to help your child meet their full potential. Therefore we would ask that you avoid any GP or dental appointments during this week if possible.