



# TROWSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter -No 12

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## *Productions and parties- what a great time of year to be a teacher!*

### **Personal and Social education**

We have, as you may remember, reinforced our school curriculum with regard to the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL). Part of this is making available for families materials that can be used at home, as a family, in order to strengthen the learning. At the most recent Parent Forum, parents looked at these materials and welcomed them; there are some lovely activities to do as a family. Please go to the school website, parents section, letters archive. The document is called 'Going for Goals!' The first page is a letter from me to you, explaining more about the pack, and then there are a series of self explanatory activities to do. I hope you take the time to look at them and maybe even find time to try one or two of them out. Please let me know what you think of the materials as time goes by- feedback is important to me.

### **School Photos**

School photos were a great success this term. For the first time we had class photos taken and the whole school photo went on sale too. Many of you purchased these wonderful informal images of the whole class or the whole school and helped raise money for school at the same time. In total, through all the photographs sold, we raised over £300 for the school. We do still have some class photos left, for all but class 1, available by contacting the school office.

### **Music tuition**

Many children have music tuition in school time at the moment. Guitar, flute, saxophone, keyboards and clarinet are all catered for at the moment. If your child would like to take up an instrument in the new year, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

### **Multiskills lessons**

Adam has been with us from Norwich City Football Club for the whole term, teaching children in the afternoons and taking an after school club. This has now come to an end so there will be no multiskills club in the new year.

### **Christmas plays**

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas plays this year. I would personally like to thank all the children for their hard work and congratulate all the adults involved in making this year's productions such a great success. I have had many parents express to me how much they enjoyed both productions- thank you for the feedback.

Many thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the FOTS Christmas raffle of a hamper of goodies kindly donated by Waitrose. Over the four performances, £165 was raised and the winning ticket was green 667 - a lucky Class 1 parent!

### **Christmas parties.**

All four classes have now had their Christmas parties. The children enjoyed them very much and my thanks go to you for helping provide food and drink, and to the Friends of Trowse School for helping Santa know what the children wanted as their gift.

### **And finally...**

From the beginning of the Summer Term, Mr Portman will only be employed three days each week. He will remain in Class 4 and we look forward to finding someone to compliment his skills for the remainder of the week, so we can continue to deliver the high quality curriculum the children currently receive. Mr Portman is very grateful to the governors for agreeing to his request to do this.

**Stuart Odell**

**HEAD TEACHER**

**Important Forthcoming Dates (please also visit website calendar regularly)**

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December- END OF TERM (Return Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January)
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January- NO SCHOOL- staff training day
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January- Children Back to school
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January- Parent Support Advisor drop in session- 9am
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January- year 6, 5-a-side football tournament at UEA
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January- full governing body meeting
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February- Parents evening
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Parents evening
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Tag rugby festival finals
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March- Parent Support Advisor drop in session- 9am

**Breakfast club**

Spaces for next term are still 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 absolutely fine and something we encourage.

**ESCo**

As a cluster of schools around Framingham Earl High, we now have an Extended Schools Coordinator as well as a Parent Support Advisor.

This person is Mr Simon Abigail and he was appointed last Friday. He is currently working at another high school and will take up post in January. His remit is to meet the government core offer for extended services across the cluster. I'm sure he will be in touch himself in the new year.

**Parent Forums**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January- 9am  
Parent Support Advisor drop in session.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
9am , repeated at 7.30pm  
**And**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
9am , repeated at 7.30pm

**Topics to be confirmed.**

**FOTS**

The carol service was a great success with around 60 people attending. Thank you to Father Michael who advised us and helped us organise it and thank you to all the others who helped and attended. We raised just over £30.

Tea Towels have been a wonderful success, and the Friends of Trowse School have so far sold tea towels amounting to a huge £536! Thank you to all parents and carers who have purchased tea towels. All profits will be of benefit to the children next year, and we will keep in contact to let you know how the money is spent. There are still some tea towels left, so if you want to order any last minute Christmas presents, then please contact Caitlin Notley direct - c.notley@uea.ac.uk or 01603 629057, and she will do her best to help you.