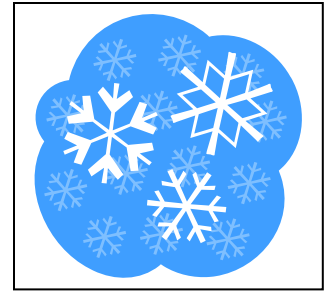




# TROWSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring Newsletter  
First Half Term – 2008/09



**Happy New Year to everyone.**

Personally, I am greatly looking forward to this year, a new job, a new challenge, and an honour – to be responsible for leading the school which educates your children.

My aim is to ensure that every child grows and reaches their potential. I hope all children become increasingly independent in their learning, are intrinsically motivated to do well in life, care about the world and their community, are confident in their abilities, do well academically, the list could go on....

Having been here only one week, I am already aware that Trowse Primary School is a wonderful school. The staff are highly motivated individuals with excellent teaching abilities. Your children are confident and happy and achieve highly. I feel very grateful to Mrs Barker for leading the school into what it is today and relish the prospect of playing a part in keeping this school moving onwards and upwards.

On our staff inset day on January 5<sup>th</sup>, I worked with all the staff to ensure we are pulling in the same direction and hold the same values as important. Our collective top 12 areas of school life that keep Trowse as outstanding are listed below.

Thank you to those of you who have already introduced yourselves to me and welcomed me into the school and community. I look forward to learning more about your children and meeting more of you. Please do come find me on the playground and say "hello".

Stuart Odell  
**HEAD TEACHER**

## **What makes an outstanding school?**

These areas were identified by the staff as important in ensuring our school continues to be **outstanding**.

1. The well-being of all
2. Standards and progress of the children
3. Motivation of everyone
4. High quality and inspiring teaching
5. Excellent Behaviour
6. Our common values and the ethos of the school
7. Teamwork and communication
8. High quality, engaging curriculum
9. Fully utilising all resources – including the building
10. The school's links with the community
11. Strong leadership at all levels

## 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!

## Dates for your Diary

Spring Half Term Holiday – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Parent/Teacher interviews – w/c 9th March. Lists will go up w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

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

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



## Winter Clothing

Now that the weather is much colder, please make sure that your child has a suitable, warm, waterproof 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

## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

We would like to use the text system to notify parents of any school closures due to bad weather, as well as the normal County website and radio broadcasts. Therefore, please let us know if your mobile contact details change.



A big thank you to everyone who supported our school Christmas productions. As ever, the children put in so much effort and it is very gratifying to see it so well received. We raised £75 from the Childrens Society collection boxes, and £270 from the raffles and programmes, which will go towards our own school funds.

Mrs Barker was thrilled with all your good wishes and kind gifts, and will be writing to everyone shortly to pass on her thanks, once she returns from her well deserved break.

## **After School Clubs**

Mr Portman's Chess club will start again from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs Winterbone's G&T Craft Club will start again from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Tae Kwon Do Club for all KS2 children will run from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January – still spaces available.

Norwich City Football Club Playing for Success Scheme will start on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January for years 5 and 6. If your child is interested there are still some spaces available.

We also hope to have a Football in the Community After School Club and an aerobics club – details will follow.

## **Polite Reminder**

**Just a reminder that our school uniform policy states that sensible black school shoes for both girls and boys must be worn. Children may bring their trainers to wear for sports at break time if they wish, but must change into their school shoes for lesson times. Many thanks for your co-operation and support with this.**

