



**Trowse Primary School**

**Summer Newsletter  
Second Half Term – 2008/09**



### **Extended Services...**

I mainly write to you this time to inform you of recent decisions and developments in school with regard to childcare.

Firstly, after school care. The governors met with the Norfolk County Council Extended Services Coordinator to discuss the possibility of whether our school can house an Out of School Care club, following the feedback from the parental survey. The survey revealed significant interest in after school care- up to 26 children a night! This high level of interest led to us to have a full and detailed discussion with all appropriate professionals. At the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, our main question to answer was 'Can we hold an after school childcare service in school?' After a lengthy discussion, we felt it was not possible by September 2009. This was disappointing for all of us. There are a number of legislative arrangements that need to be in place and due to the limited capacity of the school building we just don't have enough room to meet the level of indicated demand. As a governing body, we are bound to comply with the rules. We also need to make sure that if we do engage with something new, we will only do it if we know we can do it well.

The Governors and I are still committed to helping meet the needs of the community and will be pursuing other avenues within the community to see if any after school provision can be set up successfully. Just because we can't start something here does not mean we are going to stop thinking about it. We have the information on levels of interest, we just need to find where, and who.

In the meantime, for families needing after school childcare there are a number of other nearby schools which do run after school clubs and that have spaces available. Please call in to the school office and we can signpost you to where clubs do run.

On a more positive note, we are actively pursuing the setting up of a Breakfast Club for children from September 2009. Our initial outline plan is that the club would run from 8am - 8.45am, after which the children can go out onto the playground. There will be a fee (still to be finalized) for attendance at the club and included in the cost will be a balanced, nutritious breakfast. Breakfast clubs are popular for children as they get to see their friends before school in a relaxed environment and get to eat with them too! Parents like the service as it gives them the option to start their working lives before 9.30am. We would probably look to operate a system where children are 'booked in' for a half term so we can plan appropriately. We will need to know firm numbers so that we can ensure we have sufficient food and drink, as well as ensuring staffing ratios are correct for the number of children we have. Further details will follow.

*Stuart Odell*

**HEAD TEACHER**

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

11 <sup>th</sup> June	Cluster Choir Practice
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Cluster Concert – Class Three- 6.30pm- Poringland Primary School
19 <sup>th</sup> June	School Fete- 2.30-4.30pm
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- morning and evening performances.

### **SCHOOL FETE**

I look forward to seeing you all at the School Fete on the 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm. To ensure the safety of everyone, children in class 1 and 2 will be kept in class at 2.30 unless you collect them in order look around the fete. Only when the class teachers have a sufficiently small number left will they take these remaining children round the fete themselves. As for all other school days, all remaining children not collected so far will become the responsibility of parents at 3.15pm. Remember- we will be selling cakes, drinks and even having a BBQ, so you'll be able to have your tea here! There are also two competitions to enter for the children- to make your own mini-garden and a best hat competition. I look forward to judging!

### Cycles/ scooters

As a 'healthy school' we promote children travelling to school in a healthy way. Walking, cycling and scooting are all ways to keep healthy- we welcome these modes of transport. If children need to leave a bicycle or scooter here, there are two appropriate places. The passage way leading to The Street can be used to store a limited number of cycles. Alternatively, the bicycle racks on The Common (next to the bus shelter) can be used. Please be aware that all cycles and scooters are left at the owner's risk and should, where possible, be locked.

### Appointment of teacher for Class 2

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Lucy Bonham as the new class teacher for Class 2 from September. Nearly 30 teachers applied for the job and the calibre of candidate on the interview day was very high. Miss Bonham impressed all of us with her teaching ethos and the level of care she shows for the children in her class. The school council interviewed all candidates and Miss Bonham was top of their list too. We look forward to Miss Bonham joining us and know the children will be educated to the same high standard as is currently the case with Mrs Bagshaw.