



TROWSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter -No 9

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Hard to believe it is nearly half term already!

Parents Evening

To parents of reception children, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the routines surrounding 'Parents Evening'. For other parents, a quick reminder! At the end of the autumn first half term, teachers like to give you the opportunity to come in formally to discuss how your child has settled down this year, and how they are doing academically, socially etc... The teachers will put up lists of available times in school, near their own classroom door, for parents to 'sign-up' for. You just come in and put your name next to a time slot. Then, on that day, you come in and wait near that classroom, where the teachers will meet you. I am available on the parents evening nights for anyone who would like to speak to me- this is not through appointment, but by just popping down to my office and finding me. Please do be mindful of the length of time you are booked in for. If you have something very lengthy you would like to discuss it may be better to speak to the teacher about arranging a different day where you can all have more time. Please do support you child by coming and seeing their teacher. Remember- even if you think everything is 'fine', by coming in on parents evening you will help send the right message to your children that education is important, that we all care a great deal and we are working together to help them. It is also nice for the children to know their parents have been told how wonderful they are! If you have any questions about parents evening, please phone the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent Support Advisor

As a cluster of schools surrounding Framingham Earl High, we now have a Parent Support Advisor. This person is here for you. Her name is Kariann Ellis and can be contacted by phoning Framingham Earl High on 01508 492547 and asking for the PSA.

Staffing

We will finally fill the vacancy in the school office after half term. The interview process was very thorough with a finance test as part of the procedures and Mrs Daphne Musgrave will be starting here on November 2nd. She comes with many years experience of working in school offices and we all look forward to her joining our team. I would like to thank Mrs Schindler, our other admin assistant in the office for working extra hours and taking on many more responsibilities this half term.

Very shortly, Mrs Elvin in class 1 will be leaving us to go on maternity leave. Mrs Woodcock will become full time class teacher for the rest of this academic year. Mrs Elvin plans to rejoin us from next September.

Mrs Moore, teaching assistant in class 2 will also be going on maternity leave in 2010 from about February half term. Congratulations to the Moore household! More future children for the school to educate....!

Stuart Odell

HEAD TEACHER

Important Forthcoming Dates (please also visit website calendar regularly)

Thursday 15th October- 2.45pm- School nurse 'drop-in' session- Poringland Primary
Friday 16th October- 7.30pm- FOTS quiz and chips night!
Monday 19th October- 3.30pm onwards- Parents evening
Tuesday 20th October- 3.30pm onwards- Parents evening
Friday 23rd October- HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November- TEACHER TRAINING DAY_ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 3rd November- School re-opens.

Breakfast club

Booking for the second half term is now open. 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. Please see the school website (parents section, letters archive) for more details, or call in to the office.

Free School Meals

Please remember, if you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please do apply to enable us to provide you with everything you are entitled to. To be entitled to free school meals parents must be receiving one of the following support payments: Income Support, Employment Support Allowance (Income Related), Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Guaranteed Pension Credit, Child Tax credit and the assessed family income does not exceed **£16,040**. Parents receiving Working Tax Credit are not entitled regardless of the level of assessed income. The Free School Meals Team can be contacted on 01603 222518 or 01603 223051 for further advice and guidance.

Uniform

We still have some 'old-logo' uniform for sale at a discounted price for those families who are interested.

Alternatively, we have stock of the New logo uniform in too, including book bags.

As winter approaches, please ensure children are arriving at school with appropriate coats and footwear. We do like them to get fresh air, even if it is cold and a bit drizzly!

Parking - a polite notice.

To parents of those who drive to school, please be mindful of where you park to drop off your child. There have been some troubles at the start of the term with people parked on paths or double yellow lines. A 'healthy' option could be to park away from the school site and walk the last bit. That way children get fresh air in the process too!