

Trowse Primary School



Here's a round up of what's been happening this last half-term and what we have to look forward to in the lead up to Easter !

With **VALENTINES DAY** on Saturday, **LOVE** is in the air in our Reception class this week – we had to smile when we saw the “Love Potion Station” ... how sweet is this

Some Key Dates...

Friday, 13th February

Last day of this half term

School discos run by FOTS

Monday, 23rd February

Children return to school

Tuesday, 24th February

Year 5 to Norwich Castle

Wednesday, 25th February

* Parents Evening (3.30-6.30)

* Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school for a week

Thursday, 5th March

World Book Day (dress as a book character)

Wednesday, 11th March

*Parents Evening (3.30-6.30)



And now back to some more regular news features

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This week (w/c 9th February) is Children's Mental Health Week and it is UK Safer Internet Day on 10th February.

We have held assemblies and talked in class, looking at ways we can improve our mental health – getting outside, taking exercise, less screen time, good eating and sleeping routines. Moreover, we have been focusing on what we can do to make sure EVERYONE AROUND YOU can feel happy too. There are a myriad of things we can do to improve our physical and mental health – these short and dreary days make it more difficult over the winter months – but Spring is coming and with it opportunities to really make some new habits and have fun at the same time.

The Old School on Dell Loke

You may have noticed contractors vehicles outside the old school this week – we understand that work is now starting on converting the building into residential units. The first part of the project is to put a drop kerb in to allow vehicular access onto the old playground, before building works take place with the project due to be complete by Christmas.

With this work, there will undoubtedly be disruption (although they have said they will try to minimize this around drop-off and pick-up times). Please do allow yourselves extra time when traffic management is in place or perhaps consider parking further away and walking to school, especially as spring approaches.

Parking on Pepperpot Drive and Mustard Way

We have had several complaints from residents about parking outside their homes and blocking driveways whilst on the school run. There is concern about parents parking on the bends on Mustard Way which is particularly dangerous – please be considerate – park only where it is safe to do so and walk a bit further if it means avoiding accidents. I know that the local police team are intending to be doing patrols much more frequently to enforce considerate parking and try to ensure the safety of our children. **PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL CAR PARK IS NOT FOR PARENTS DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP CHILDREN** - Please ensure you park away from the school and walk your child onto the school premises by the pedestrian footpath.

Our Enriched Curriculum with IPC enables learning to be really meaningful and enjoyable for our children – “Seeing is believing” as they say and for many of the children taking part in workshops or visits brings to life the learning that they are doing ! We have Year 5 going to Norwich Castle for a day with the **Romans and Iceni tribe** on 24th February. Reception children had a visit from the **Police** a couple of weeks ago and the **Fire Service** are coming to school to talk about their role as the children discover about “people who help us” and Year 2 have an **Edith Cavell workshop** on 3rd May, with our reception children having their first school outing over to **Gressenhall** on 20th April.

With our sporting activities Year 4's **Skiing** this Spring term is going so well, they are making fantastic progress and their confidence grows week on week – some of them are already heading for the bigger slopes !

Year 3 are swimming this half term and again, the coaches at the UEA have commented on how great their behaviour is and their enthusiasm to learn to swim and be safe in the water is fabulous – we take the second half of the class after half term.

We try to offer sporting opportunities to everyone through the School Sports Partnership or the Cluster schools events – recently our children took part in an **Active Leaders Day** at the UEA, a **Pentathlon** event and **Sportshall athletics**. When we come back after half term we have Year

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1 going to a **Dance Festival** at Hobart and there is **Bikeability** booked in for before Easter (more details to follow nearer the time).

Parents Evenings

These will take place on **Wednesday, 25th February at 11th March**. Booking is open on school cloud and we can see many of you have signed up already. Don't forget you have to put 'Year 1', 'Year 2' etc for the class – sometimes this has been a reason why the system has not allowed some parents to log in.

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March

We will have the **Scholastic Book Fair here in school from Wednesday, 25th February (open from 3.15 – 3.45 each day for a week)**. This is a popular annual event, when children are encouraged to choose a book and share with members of their family.

- **On World Book Day** itself we will be having a **non-uniform day**, with children dressing up as their favourite book characters – if they wish to.
- FOTS will be having a **story-teller** coming into school for the day, reading a gripping tale to each year group and
- We also encourage you to send in photos of **“Extreme Reading”** – reading in an unusual place – we have had children reading sitting up a tree, on their climbing frames – you name it – we will leave it to you to be creative – but please be safe too !! Send them in to the school office email address (not Seesaw) and we will show them all in an assembly!

Parent Governor

We are pleased to advise that Matthew Mather has been elected as our new Parent Governor – we welcome Matt to the Governing Board.

Year 6 Bake Sale – Thank you so much for your support of the end of month bake sale – Year 6 raised £172.13 from their sale and the children will choose how this money is spent in their class. **THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS FOR YEAR 5 and that will be on FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY – the first week back after half-term.**

AND THE USUAL REMINDERS

Playtime Snacks

As you may be aware, children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get their playtime fruit/vegetables for free. From Year 3 this is no longer provided, so if your child wants a healthy snack at playtime, then it needs to come in from home.

Please do make sure it is a **healthy snack** though (piece of fruit, vegetable sticks etc..) and that your child knows what their snack is. No chocolate or sweet sugary snacks should be for playtime please and **NOTHING CONTAINING NUTS!**

Smartphone Free Childhood

Please do consider – as was UK Internet Safety Day on Tuesday this week- we support the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' movement. Their website says...

www.smartphonefreechildhood.org

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Smartphone Free Childhood is a movement of families standing together to delay smartphones and social media for young children – turning isolation and the pressure of ‘all my friends have got...’ into collective strength. Together we’re giving children back what truly matters: time to play, space to grow, freedom to be. Because childhood should be shaped by families and communities, not algorithms.

Eligibility for ‘Free School Meals’ Much more than just a meal...

Just another reminder that Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals. **If you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should register.** This is because it not only means that all meals are free, but also entitles your child to lots of holiday activities for free under the ‘Big Norfolk Holiday Fun’ scheme. It also helps the school **raise extra funds** for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities. It really is worth it- everyone benefits.

If you get **one** of the following benefits – you can apply for Free School Meals from Reception to Year 6

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

Search ‘Norfolk County Council apply for free school meals’ to find out more and apply.

Uniform

New uniform purchases over Christmas? PLEASE MAKER SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED!

We already have lots of items in our lost property – none of which are named! We also have a **'NEW TO YOU'** Option which is run by the school office. This is for Trowse logo'd items only - Please do bring in any donations of out-grown, clean, good quality uniform. Just contact the school office if you would like to check what items are available.

Pupil Asset- reporting absences & ordering dinners

Please make sure you can log into Pupil Asset via the app or you have a web browser ready to log in (<https://secure.pupilasset.com>). Make sure that your contact details are correct in it. If you are yet to download this app, or are struggling to make log in details work, please ask in the school office.

Top Tip from parents - Using a web browser to log in can be more effective for booking lunches for the weeks ahead, the app doesn't show as far ahead.

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Breakfast Club

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN UP TO EASTER - Our Breakfast club is open from 7.40am every morning for all children to not only eat a good breakfast, but get busy with sport, crafts and games. We have some spaces available, so if this is a service you need, please contact the school office initially to discuss things, then book via the 'School Cloud' App <https://trowse.schoolcloud.co.uk> Children need to be booked in on the school cloud system, in advance, and the daily fee is £5, payable online to the school. In the app you select the 'club' you need (in this case, Breakfast Club, then select the week, then choose the days you need to book in for.

Bank Details for online transfers are: NCC Trowse Primary School Acct No. 60513121 Sort Code: 20-62-61

After School Club

Please use this link for ALL bookings; <https://4ward-sports.class4kids.co.uk> It is essential that both the school and the staff of 4Ward Sports know exactly who is meant to be staying and who is going home at normal time. Thank you.

That's about it for this newsletter, apart from wishing you all a great half term break when it gets here.

Kind regards

Stuart Odell
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