



Trowse Primary School

Have an enjoyable Easter break.

Time to rest and relax- hopefully with a lot of sunshine!

What a busy Half term!

We raised over £160 for Comic Relief. Thank you for supporting this charity. The Children do enjoy non-uniform days!

The Year 4 children have now finished their term of ski lessons. All children made it across from the nursery slope to the main slope. The progress they made was fantastic to see and we were so impressed with their resilience and determination!

Summer Sport

With the summer term just around the corner, we look forward to a summer of sport! Apart from 'Sports Day' later on, there will be more opportunities for children to go out to a festival event (non-competitive) or a competition. We also have the year 4 residential to Eaton Vale and the Y6 residential to PGL; both 'outdoor and adventure' themed trips.

Visitors to school

During the summer term the children will see extra visitors around school some days! We work with NILE (Norwich Institute for Language Education) and have done for several years. In the summer we welcome teachers from abroad to visit our school to see how UK education works. We will be having teachers from China in the first half of the summer term as well as from Switzerland in the second half term. I really like the fact we can help broaden children's horizons and they will be able to speak to teachers from other countries or cultures.

Lunch Menus

The children have brought home a copy of the new lunch menu which starts after Easter and a copy has also been e-mailed to you. Just to remind you, the cost of lunches is to be increased for paid children's meals, however, we have absorbed a lot of the increase and will only be adding 10p onto the cost to parents – so from after Easter school meals will cost £2.90.

Dates...

Friday, 4th April

Celebration Assembly.
Last day of term

Wednesday, 23rd April

Start of Summer Term -
children return to school

Tuesday, 29th April

9.15am Parent Workshop –
Managing Children's Behaviour

Tuesday, 5th/Wed 6th May

Year 4 to Eaton Vale

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Smartphone Free Childhood <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Why not use the Easter Holiday to sign up to the voluntary pact around children and smartphones? We have nearly 40 families that have so far and the strength of families working together on this topic is what will really make the difference for your children.

There are some great links and sources of information for internet safety on the school website (under 'teaching and learning', then 'stay safe online') but in particular please see <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> which have Step-by-step instructions to set controls on popular smartphones and other devices, entertainment & search engines, broadband & mobile networks, social media & gaming consoles.

Mobile Phone Policy

Associated with the above topic, the Governors have now, after much debate, adopted a mobile phone policy. The important part for you to know is that for pupils, mobile phones and smart tech, like smart watches, are not allowed in school. Most children do not have a phone, so this is not a problem at all, but some do. If your child has a smartphone, please make sure it stays at home.

KEEPING SAFE AND HAPPY

Schools work well by being really clear about the little things- as well as the big things! With that in mind, could I give you some notices and reminders about routines for you to be mindful of as we head towards the last term of this school year.

Parking

We know sometimes parking can be difficult, but we would particularly request, that you do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines just outside school. Yellow zig-zag lines means 'no parking'. They are there to keep children safe, which I know is what we all want.

Children's own Footballs

We have watched with interest this term as children have brought their own footballs or basketballs in more and more. In general, staff across the school have observed that this often goes wrong causing more upset than normal at playtimes. After Easter, we will go back to how things have always been and children need to leave their own footballs/ basketballs etc. at home. The school has purchased a few hundred pounds worth of play equipment this term so children really do not need to bring in their own.

Other Items from Home

Please do check that your children are not bringing in toys, cards, lots of stationary etc. from home. This can be particularly relevant in the new year when children have new things! We have had situations in school recently where children are giving each other things (or children asking for things from a friend) which then becomes difficult and sometimes upsetting. The easiest way to avoid any of this, is to not bring anything in from home that may then cause upset.

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Arrival in the Morning

As the weather has got a bit nicer recently, we have noticed more children arriving by themselves at the start of the day and arriving earlier and earlier. The gate opens at 8:35. Please try to avoid us having unsupervised children out the front of the school in the morning. When they are there a long time, they then naturally want to play- and being a car park, this is not a suitable place for playing with deliveries, bin collections and taxis all coming in.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle with them every day – particularly in the summer- and that it does have **only water** in it. This is the healthiest option for your child, but more than this, with 200 children in school, we have spillages pretty much every day. If it is only water- we can sort it out and it just dries out, but if it is a juice or a squash, the carpets get sticky and messy requiring deep cleaning which adds to the cost.

The End of The Day

At the end of the day, please collect your children and head home. We do not want children staying to play on the equipment or have a game of football on the field at 3:15. Two main reasons... Firstly, after school club are waiting for the side gate to be closed so they can bring the after-school children out for a run around. Secondly, we don't want any upset or injuries at the end of the school day.

Uniform

As we switch to summer mode and you bring out dresses and shorts, PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED! We still have a lot of lost property with no names!

Breakfast Club

Please book in the normal way if you would like your child to come along! Breakfast will be included of course! If this interests you, then book via the 'School Cloud' App www.trowse.schoolcloud.co.uk

The booking system is now live for the sessions after Easter.

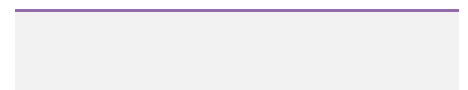
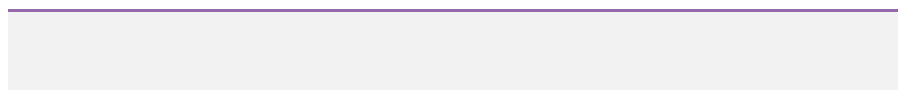
Please note, sadly we still have parents driving at speed into our car park to drop off children to Breakfast Club or collect them from After School Club. The same considerations apply as for normal school drop off – please park on the roundabout and walk your children in.

The car park is for Chapelfield nursery children, taxis and staff coming to work. We have seen some close calls with cars and children and this needs to stop before an accident happens. Only in an EMERGENCY should you come onto the car park and then it is a MAXIMUM OF 5mph.

Big Norfolk Fun is running again from 7th to 17th April 2025.

If your child is eligible to Free School Meals, you can book them in for FREE! Have a look on the website – there are lots of great things on offer to keep the children busy in the Easter holidays.

<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>



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Staffing Update

Some happy news – Mrs Webb – our Year 3 TA has given birth to a baby girl – Murphy Ann – both Mum and daughter are doing really well.

We also got to meet Mrs Disney's twin baby boys this week – they are now home from hospital, having arrived very prematurely – again all the family are doing remarkably well.

That's about it for this edition, it seems a long time ago to the first day of this half term when we got the call from Ofsted, so much has happened in a short space of time, and I think we are all ready for a rest.

The Summer term is going to whizz by – with visits and events and lots and lots of learning – provisional diary dates attached to this e-mail.

Thank you all for your support.

Kind regards

Stuart Odell

Headteacher

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