

Trowse Primary School



Here's a round up of what's been happening this half-term as we lead up to the Easter holiday and then it will be Summer Term how did that happen!

We will be celebrating **RED NOSE DAY** next Friday, 20th March by having a non-uniform day – we just ask for a donation on the day and will be at the game with our collection bucket.

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 !

After Easter we have Reception going to **Gressenhall** on 20th April, **Eaton Vale** residential for Year 4, **PGL residential** for Year 6 and **sailing** for Years 5 and 6, not to mention a host of other events that we will send you details of nearer the time.

With our sporting activities Year 4's **Skiing** this Spring term is going really well, they are making fantastic progress and their confidence grows week on week. All Year 4 parents are welcome to come along to the Snowsports Club on the last session on Tuesday 24th March and enjoy watching the children on the slopes.

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE THE ACCESS TO ACTIVITIES FUND, which can help you with the cost of visits or activities if you are finding it a struggle to meet the cost. Please just come along and speak to Mr Odell or Mrs Andrews. The process is very simple – no form filling in – just come and speak to us.

We try to offer sporting opportunities to everyone through the School Sports Partnership or the Cluster schools events and the summer term is already filling up with various sporting opportunities for children across the year groups

We have Bikeability for Years 4 and 5 children starting 23rd March details have been sent to parents, you just need to sign up if you want your child to take part.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening – we always have a really high uptake and the teachers really appreciate the time to catch up with you all.

Some Key Dates...

Friday, 20th March

Rocksteady Concert (am)

Monday, 23rd March

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Bikeability – Year 4 – Level 1

Tuesday, 24th March

Bikeability – Year 5 – Level 2

1.30 Last Skiing Session –
Year 4 parents welcome to watch

Wednesday, 25th March

Bikeability – Year 5 – Level 2
Year 3 to Whitlingham

Thursday, 26th March

9.00 am Celebration Assembly

Friday, 27th March

Last day of term

Tuesday, 14th April

Children return to school

Monday, 20th April

Reception to Gressenhall

Thursday, 23rd April

Year 2 Puppet Making
Workshop

Need to contact us?

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World Book Day

It was a delight to be around school on World Book Day, seeing the children dressed as their favourite book characters. Chris Rondel, the storyteller, was fantastic and it worked really well having the grotto in the hall making a really atmospheric space for wonderful stories ... thank you to the FOTS for organizing and funding this.

Also, a huge thank you for your support with the **Scholastic Book Fair. We raised over £550 to be spent on books for the school.**

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

We have a really lovely Governing Body – but we just need one more co-opted (community) governor to fill our board – A Co-opted Governor is someone from the community, not a parent of a child at the school, but someone who has a genuine interest in education. Ideally, they will also have some time so that they can come into school and spend time in class getting to know the children and the curriculum and what makes Trowse so special. If you know someone who may be interested, please get them to come and have an informal chat with Mr Odell or Mrs Andrews.

Monthly Bake Sales – 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 and Year 5 have raised £193.55.

THE NEXT BAKE SALE IS FOR YEAR 4 and that will be on FRIDAY, 27th MARCH – the last day of term – look out for more details nearer the time.

AND THE USUAL REMINDERS

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 GENERAL 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.

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!**

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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

PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED! It is so much easier to return items to the right person when we have a name in them.

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.*

Breakfast Club

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

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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 lovely Easter break when it gets here.

Kind regards

Stuart Odell
Headteacher

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