



# Norwood Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

April 2009

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



### Welcome Back

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break. The children have returned to school and are already very eager about their learning themes for the half term ahead.

### New Staff Members

We welcome to our happy team of staff Mr Reynolds who will teach in Year 2 for the Summer term, Miss Beach and Mrs Spillet will continue to support the teaching and learning in Year 2.

### Free Swimming for Under 16's

Peterborough City Council is funding free swimming for children up to 16 years old for the next two years. To take advantage of this wonderful offer you need to complete an application form which is available from the Regional Pool or Jack Hunt Pool.

### Spring has Sprung

It is wonderful to see the sun shining and the true signs of Spring appearing around the school grounds. With the warmer weather upon us we need to ensure that the children adapt well to the changes. This will include ensuring that children regularly drink water, either from the water fountains or a bottle brought from home, as well as removing school fleeces when in the school building.

### School Library

As from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April the school library will be available to children at break times. Selected children from Year 5 will be trained in library skills under the supervision of Mrs French. We hope that children across the school take advantage of this additional provision which should ensure children have fresh reading material on a regular basis.

### Parentmail

This system of communication has received very positive feedback and we will continue to ensure that information, when appropriate, is shared electronically. Please can I remind parents/carers of the need to update our records should your contact details change. Also if you are experiencing any problems please inform the office who will work to resolve the problem.

Any parent/carers who is not yet using this system and would like to sign up should contact the school office.

### Suggestions Box

Thank you to the parents/carers that have made use of the suggestions box in the foyer.

### Norwood's Got Talent

On the evening of Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>, a number of incredibly talented children took to the stage. We had a number of acts, ranging from singing and dancing to comedy and gymnastics.

All the children were amazing and should be very proud of themselves.

The judges' job was incredibly difficult, but we had to make a final decision.

The proud winner was Ameila Monaghan for her wonderful singing and dancing to My Favourite Things. Second place went to Jessica Scrine, who once again delighted the audience with her beautiful singing. Third place was awarded to Tom Everton for his piano recital.

Well done to everyone who took part and a huge thank you for sharing your talents with us.

### Country Dancing

As usual, Norwood will participate in the Peterborough Country Dancing festival. This event will take place on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Welbourne Primary School. More information for interested children will follow.

Norwood School will hold our own event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.45pm. Each class will perform their own country dances and the Year 6 children will share their Maypole skills.

The Reception team will be selling teas, coffees, biscuits, strawberries etc. All proceeds will go to improving the outside provision of our Reception setting.

All parents/carers are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Please note that should weather conditions not allow for this event to take place, it will be rescheduled to after half term.

### Flora Cooking with Schools

We have joined the Flora Schools programme. This enables school to benefit from additional funds to resource our kitchen area. Token codes, found on the lids of Flora tubs, can be entered into the Flora website at [www.cookingwithschools.com](http://www.cookingwithschools.com) – it is important to ensure that you are entering details in the Norwood Primary School Peterborough area. Another way to support school is to bring the lids to school and we can enter the codes on your behalf.

### New to You

Each Monday and Friday, Reception will be selling second hand school uniform each day after school. The stall will be situated adjacent to the Reception play area gate. Funds raised will go towards developing the Reception Class outside area.