



Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Half Term 2008

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Staffing Updates

Year 5 Update

- Miss Spiniello has successfully gained a promotion at All Saint's Primary School in Peterborough. She will start her new role in January 2009 and we wish her the best of luck.
- We have successfully appointed Miss Fiona Watt to the position of Year 5 teacher. She will join us in January 2009 and bring with her music and modern foreign languages as her strengths.
- From next half term and for the rest of the academic year, to ensure the best continuity for the children in Year 5, Mrs Mee will join the team. Mrs Mee is a very experienced and skilled Teaching Assistant who is in the fortunate position of knowing the children through working along side them whilst they were in Year 4.
- The children in Year 4 will be supported by Mrs French and Mrs Brittan.
- Mrs Miller is still absent from work and we are unsure of the duration of her absence. Mrs Spillett, an experienced Teaching Assistant, will support the children for the rest of the year.

Half Termly Curriculum Letter

Prior to the start of each half term we will issue a curriculum overview letter for each class. This letter will share with you information on the learning that will take place for your child in the half term. It will also contain websites for you to access more information on Literacy and Numeracy. In addition it will share with you any proposed trips and their approximate costings. I hope that you find this information useful and supportive in helping you understand the next stage of your child's learning.

If you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve these letters further, please give me a call or drop into see me.

School Council

We have re-launched our School Council this term. The Council are working hard on gathering the opinions and thoughts of children on 'how safe our playground is' and 'how well our lunchtimes are working'. If parents/carers have any comments on either of these two issues, please let school know.

Parent/Carer Governor Election

Norwood School has a space on the Governing Body for a parent/carers. After half term I will be sending out the relevant information and paperwork for nominations.

Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended the meetings this week and played a key role in home and school working together for the benefit of your children.

We look forward to receiving the questionnaire feedback forms and consent forms. Please contact the school office if you need any replacements. Remember that if you have any quick questions or queries, our adults are available at the beginning and end of the school day. If you would like to discuss a matter at greater length, or it has a more confidential nature, please make an appointment via the school office.

School Attendance

The 'Leave of Absence' policy has been reviewed by the Governing Body along with the 'Criteria Assessment'. These documents will be available on the school website – norwoodschool.co.uk or paper copies can be requested from the school office.

Adult Learning

As mentioned on previous newsletters, we are hoping to run adult sessions in helping your child with Numeracy. If you would like to join this course please contact the school office.

School Garden

A reminder that on Friday 31st October and Saturday 1st November a group of willing volunteers will be supporting a team of professionals in building a school garden. If you would like to join the team at any stage during the two days, please contact school. The project will have been funded by donations and sponsorship from local businesses and members of the community. I am sure you will agree that this initiative will benefit the children of our school and extend their learning experience beyond the classroom.

Happy Half Term from all at Norwood School