



Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

January 2010

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Welcome Back

I hope that you have all had a good festive break and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a successful 2010 at Norwood and appreciate the continued support from members of our parent body.

Snow!!!!!!

What an end to the Autumn Term we had!!!

We were one of the few Peterborough schools in the area that had enough staff getting to school on the Friday morning to enable us to open in a safe manner.

Due to the rather dramatic snowfall that occurred from about 11am onwards, a decision to close our school was made.

Thank you for the support that parents/carers demonstrated throughout the situation.

As the forecast predicts more snow and freezing conditions, should we find it necessary not to open school we will publicise our closure on Heart FM as early as possible.

Gritting

We will endeavour to grit the 2 pedestrian access paths from Elter walk which should be used for accessing our school.

However please continue to be careful when on school grounds as we have experienced many patches of black ice during extreme cold bouts.

Norwood School Field

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the official date for the meeting regarding the proposed fence for our school field is

Monday 25th January 2010
7pm.

The meeting will be held at Norwood School and we would love as many of our parents, carers and interested parties as possible to attend this very important meeting. It will be the first official opportunity to voice your concerns and make suggestions for ways forward that ensure the safety and health of Norwood School children.

Gunthorpe Road Crossing Patrol

Just a quick reminder that the issues surrounding the crossing patrol on Gunthorpe Road are still causing concern.

I am sure that most of you are aware that at times the usual crossing patrol has not been available at the end of the school day. This is due to staff absence within the Local Authority. Norwood School and the Governing Body have raised their concerns with the relevant department and should there be any update I will inform you accordingly.

Staffing Update

Miss Benson who worked in Year 5 as an NQT (Newly Qualified Teacher) left Norwood Primary School at the end of

the last term. We wish her every success in her new schools and thank her for the time that she spent at our school.

Our new Year 5 teacher is Mrs Wheatley who joins us from January 2010 on a permanent basis. Mrs Wheatley is an incredibly experienced teacher who has taught in many schools during her career.

Communication

We have been developing our systems of communication with our community. A number of our initiatives have been very successful and include

- Regular half termly Curriculum Newsletters for each class
- Teachers and Support Staff being available at the beginning and end of the school day
- Governor Newsletters
- Up to date notice board
- Letters and information being available our website – www.norwoodschool.co.uk
- Text and electronic communications

One area that we would like to improve further is our email system to enable a better two-way communication system. We are investigating ways for you to reply electronically to give permission for trips, walks, visitors etc.

We are also aware that at times emails and messages do not successfully reach you. We will discuss these issues with our provider to ensure that system runs as efficiently as possible.

Please can we request that our records of your email address and mobile numbers are kept up to date. Should you change any of your contact details please inform Mrs Cowing the school office.

If you continue to receive problems receiving emails or texts please inform Mrs Cowing.

2010 Diary Dates

Professional Day	Monday 4 th January
Children Return	Tuesday 5 th January
Norwood's Got Talent Auditions	Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 8 th January
Nurse Drop In	Friday 8 th January
Norwood's Got Talent	Thursday 4 th February
Nurse Drop In	Friday 5 th February
NSA Valentine's Disco	Thursday 11 th February
Half Term	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February
Nurse Drop In	Friday 5 th March