



Norwood Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Home Learning

Thank you for all of the positive and constructive comments that we had received regarding our draft Home Learning Policy. We hope the policy will ensure progression and continuity across school, supporting and building upon the learning children experience in school. Home learning is a national concept, with children across the country engaging in tasks across the curriculum. We are aware that the tasks set historically by school have been very closed, repetitive and skill based. We have worked to combat this by engaging children in more fun learning projects that the children have ownership of. Our half termly project, which is a family learning based activity, is set at the beginning of each half term. The theme is discussed with the children and ideas about what the children may like their end product to look like are brainstormed. A time allocation of a whole half term is given to this project based activity and the outcome can be as elaborate or as simple as the child/family chooses. We have had some amazing project work presented at the end of the learning theme, some of which will soon be available to view on our website.

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.

Parent Governor Election

I hope that you are all aware of the forthcoming Parent Governor Election. If you have not received the letter outlining the process and key dates you can find a copy on our school website – www.norwoodschool.co.uk or contact the school office.

Hot School Meals

Norwood School and our Governing Body have been investigating alternatives to our current school meal provider of Cambridgeshire Catering Service (CCS). CSS have recently implemented a new service level agreement that pushes up the costs per meal without any improvement on the quality. From after February Half Term we are hoping to work with a local catering business who will take over as our hot meal provider. This company will transform our satellite kitchen provision (re-heating pre-prepared meals) to a full cooking kitchen. There will also be a new menu that will be tailored to the preferences of the children, whilst ensuring that we continue to meet the required nutritional standards for school meals. We will work with the company on the issues that are a regular concern with our current provider, such as lack of choice at the end of last sitting.

Norwood's Got Talent

We held our NGT auditions at the beginning of the term. There were a number of acts and talents showcased in the auditions and it was wonderful to see so many children engaging with our talent contest. The successful acts have been informed that they have made it through to the final and they will now have a short time to practice and polish their acts for the big event on Thursday 4th February 2010. If your child has been successfully selected for the NGT Final, you will soon receive a letter providing you all of the relevant information.

Gunthorpe Crossing Patrol

As the lack of safe crossing provision on Gunthorpe Road continues, there is much concern among our community for the safety of our children. The Governing Body, on behalf of our school, have written to the relevant department of Peterborough City Council to raise these concerns. The Governors have also highlighted the issues to our local councillors who will hopefully support the request for an improved service or indeed implement a permanent facility such as a pelican or zebra crossing. As with all issues such as this it is important that parents and carers have their concerns heard and can voice their opinions by contacting PCC or our local councillors.