



# Norwood Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

### November 2008

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



#### School Garden

What a difference a half term holiday makes!!!!

A huge thank you to all of the children, parents/carers and staff that gave their time during the half term break. I am sure you will agree that their efforts have started the transformation of the area adjacent to Elter walk and that the vision for the School Garden is well under way.

A particularly huge thank you must go to Mrs Coolbear, as her time, commitment and persistence has enabled the project to occur. I would also like to extend an enormous thank you to Ian Langworthy of Problem Solved Landscapes who donated time, expertise and materials to the project. His blog of the experience is available at [www.problemsolvedlandscapes.co.uk](http://www.problemsolvedlandscapes.co.uk)

The children are very excited about the next stage of the project and are beginning to understand the positive learning experiences the Norwood School Garden will bring. However, there is still a lot of work to be carried out in the garden before the children can become the new Alan Titchmarsh or Charlie Dimmock.

If you feel that you have a couple of hours or more that you would like to spend on our garden project and become a part of our developing school, please let us know.

#### Children in Need

Norwood School will be supporting the national Children in Need fund raising event. As a school we receive many requests to engage in charity events but realise that we can not support every worthy cause. It is important that young people understand that there are many other children who are not as fortunate as themselves and therefore we support Children in Need on a yearly basis. Any small change that you have available would be very much appreciated and can be donated through the following fund raising activities.

- Bring a bear to school
- Cover a Pudsey with coppers
- Fill a sprit jar with coins

We hope that you feel you are able to support this worthy cause and understand that, along with the fun we have on Children in Need day, we also share very important messages about our society and citizenship.

#### Consultation Evening Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that attended our recent consultation evening. There was an overwhelmingly positive response to the questionnaires following these meetings. Your comments and responses will help us improve further.

Analysis of the data highlighted many positive aspects of our school.

- Parents/carers are very pleased with how their children have settled into our Reception class.
- Our parents/carers appreciate the class teachers being available on the playground before and after school.
- Our Read, Write, Inc program is having significant results, both at home and school.
- We have happy children at Norwood School.

Please remember that our teachers and staff are available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have. If you would like a longer session, please book an appointment through the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### Parent/Carer Governor Election

This week I issued official paper work for the nomination of parents/carers to the post of Norwood School Governor. If you are interested in becoming a school governor and would like further information, please call in to the school office.

#### Country Dancing Costumes

Each year we take part in the Peterborough Country Dancing Festival as well as hosting our own Maypole and Country Dancing event. The children really look forward to these events and are a celebration of their achievements. Our current County Dancing costumes have been used for many years and are now in need of being replaced. If you feel that you have the skills to support school in making our children new costumes, please contact the school office.

#### Water Bottles

Please can I remind all parents/carers that children are only allowed to bring water in their drinks bottle.

#### Christmas Dates

##### Reception Nativity

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm

##### Year 1 Performance

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm

##### Year 2 Performance

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm

##### Year 3 and Year 4 Brookside Church Service

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45pm

##### Year 5 and Year 6 Paston Church Service

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm

##### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parties

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

##### Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parties

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December