



Norwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

October 2009

Head Teacher—Mrs D Reynolds



Start of the School Day

Please may I remind parents/carers that our learning commences at 9am and therefore, for children to be ready and settled for this, the school doors are open from 8.45am. To ensure the safety of our children, the classroom doors will be closed shortly after 8.55am. Children arriving after the doors have been closed will need to enter school via the school office and sign in. This arrangement to the school day ensures a smooth and settled start for your children and maximises the learning potential for all.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the donations that were kindly sent into school for our harvest festival.

Format of consultation evening

Thank you for returning the appointment request slips for our consultation evening. Your allocated date and time will be issued on Wednesday 14th October.

As mentioned in the initial letter, the format for the evening will be slightly different from previous years.

Your child's work will be available in the school hall along with book fayre and refreshments. Your appointment will take place in your child's classroom and discussions will therefore remain confidential. Our helpful team of Year 6 children will collect you from the hall and escort you to the classroom at the appropriate time.

Working Tax Credits

Through discussions with our cluster group of schools, it has been identified by our Extended School Co-ordinator that there are families within our community that are not receiving the full range of benefits that they are entitled to. Information on WTC and an online calculator are available at www.taxcredits.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/Qualify/DIQHousehold.aspx or by calling 0845 300 3900.

Voyager choir

The Voyager School is running a Community Primary Choir. This group meets every Friday from 3.30 – 4.15pm in Room D27 of The Voyager School. If you would like your children to become part of the choir, please sign them in at The Voyager School office in good time to attend the club.

NSA

Thank you to those of you who attended the first Norwood School Association of the Academic year. It was fantastic to see new faces at this meeting and wonderful to have new ideas and suggestions for fund raising and social events. I am pleased to announce that the following people were successfully voted into their roles on the committee.

Chair Person - Mrs Tracey Christie

Vice Chair Person – Mrs Michelle Gavin

Treasurer – Mrs Zoe Fenwick

Secretary – Mrs Caroline Rickards

The next NSA meetings are Monday 2nd November and Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

The first event will be the Halloween Disco which will take place on Thursday 22nd October 2009. Details of this will be published by the NSA shortly.

The second NSA event of the year will be the annual Christmas fete. This year we provide more opportunities for the children to become involved in the planning, organising and running of the event. Again, more details will follow.

The minutes of the meeting are now available on our school website at www.norwoodschool.co.uk

Walking bus

A walking bus is a simple idea which any parent/carer, support staff, teacher or interested party can set up. The basic idea is that a group of children walk to school together with accompanying adults to ensure their safety. This is an opportunity for fresh air, exercise and a chat with friends and reduces the number of vehicles at the school gates which pose a safety and environmental problem. Having discussed this concept with Peterborough City Council, we have decided to canvas the school community to investigate if there would be a need for such a venture. If you would be interested in your child joining such an initiative, or supporting the organisation and running of a walking bus, please contact the school office.

Lunch forms

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have returned their child's purple meals form. It is important that all children have this form returned regardless of the choice of meal throughout the week. These forms are important to the smooth and effective running of the school office and kitchen, ensuring that school achieves value for money by reducing any surplus food through inaccurate ordering. Should the choice of meal taken at school change, we request that you complete this form in advance of any amendments.

Thank you for support in this important matter.

Read, Write Inc (RWI) Information Meeting

A RWI meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 5th November from 5.30 – 6.30pm for any new parents/carer to Norwood School. More Information will follow.

Nurse Drop Ins

Our School Nurse, Mrs Ruth Jones, will once again be available for drop in sessions at school. These sessions are open for parents/carers to have a chat about any issues or concerns that they have regarding their child's health, including bed wetting, diet, growth.

These sessions run from 8.45 - 9.15am unless stated otherwise. Friday 6th November 2009, Friday 4th December 2009, Friday 8th January 2010, Friday 5th February 2010, Friday 5th March 2010 (2.45 – 3.15pm), Friday 16th April, Friday 7th May, Friday 11th June 2010, Friday 2nd July 2010