



Autumn Term 08 Newsletter 7



Welcome back to the second half of term and the lead up to Christmas!

After-school Clubs / Child Care

The new brochure will be with you tomorrow. We aim to offer at least one club each night. We are also looking to extend child-care provision and will be asking for your views. Please complete the form in the brochure if this would be useful for you and to give us an idea of numbers.

Possible changes to the school day

From September 09 there will be changes to the way the nursery is run. Nursery Children will be entitled to 5 x 3 hour sessions each week. We hope to run two sessions each day that fit in with school drop-off and collection times. One solution would be to open school from 8.30 a.m. This would mean that the morning Nursery session would start at 8.30 a.m. and YR-Y2 could come in from 8.30 a.m. with registration at 8.40 a.m. I would like to know your views on this proposal or any other suggestions that could make these new arrangements work well.

New staff

I am pleased to tell you that Mrs. Spychal has been successful in obtaining a Headship and will be moving to Fleggburgh Primary School in January 2009. Although we are very sorry to lose her we are pleased that she has done so well and wish her every success in the future. I am also pleased to tell you that we will have a new Deputy from January, Miss Mayfield, who will take on all Mrs. Spychals' roles.

Jade Class have already met her and she is looking forward to getting to know you too. We also have a new Caretaker and Cleaning Team. Mr. Aldred, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Willimot have been working very hard to maintain and keep the school site clean.

School Dinners

You should receive a new menu with this letter; you will notice that there is now the option of ordering a packed lunch. Packed lunches have to be ordered for the week on the first day of that week, NOT DAILY; this is to allow for ordering supplies.

We are also inviting families to join their child to try out school dinners next week. Please come and taste for yourself what is on offer. Just complete the form with this letter if you would like to take part.

Remembrance Day Poppies

Poppies are on sale in school, we suggest a 50p donation.

Miss A J Hopley

Parents' Evening

Please sign up for Parents' Evening, which will take place next Monday and Tuesday Evenings. The sign up sheet will be outside your child's class.

Be safe be seen

All children have now received a reflector; please attach it to their coat as they are very effective and could prevent an accident now the days are so short and we have to travel in the dark.

Attendance

The local authority is working very hard to improve attendance in this area. Unfortunately Great Yarmouth has a very poor attendance record and this has been picked up by the Government. School attendance affects achievement and if we want all of our children to reach their learning potential we have to work together to make sure they are in school. I am pleased to report that Alderman Swindell has a good Attendance Record, but we are always looking at ways to improve. The attached postcard is from the local authority.

YR in the paper!

Look out for Yellow and Blue Class in this week's Mercury. YR families should receive a letter and discount voucher for this week's edition with this newsletter.

Christmas play

Just a reminder that the Booking office is now open. Families may collect up to four tickets, but please only take what you will use. We ask that you only see the play once. Yellow Class will only be in the two morning performances and Nursery children will only be in one performance so please make sure you book for the right one. We do not permit pre-school children to attend and do not usually run a crèche as it is too long. We do ask that you make your own arrangements but if this is impossible please come and see us and we will see what we can do to help.

Winter Illness

We have been talking to the children about, toilet routines, hand washing and nose blowing. We want to minimise the spread of any bugs so we would be grateful if you could reinforce the KEEPING CLEAN message at home.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.
Here's to a great half-term