

# Recreation Road Infant School Newsletter 1 September 2009



## **Welcome To The Autumn Term**

Our new Reception Pupils are gradually making their visits and we're all getting to know each other.

It has been lovely to chat to children and find out about all the exciting things that happened during the Summer.

Thank You for making our first day go so smoothly...it wasn't easy because of the building work but everyone handled the changes well and with good-humour!

Having been delayed by planning for a few weeks and then having a few hiccups as they started the ground works, the building is now on schedule and is planned to be complete by half term!

## **National College of School Leadership**

We were very pleased and proud to have a visit last Friday by Steve Munby, chief executive of National College of School Leadership. He really enjoyed looking around and talking to staff and was very impressed by what he saw.

## **Parent and Carer Meetings**

Staff will be holding brief meetings for you to get to know classroom procedures and routines. Please keep a look out for notices on your classroom doors/windows or contact the office for details.

## **Country Dancing**

Country Dancing Club will be starting on:  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8:30  
It will be held at the Sports Hall and so please drop off there. Children will be brought across to their classrooms after the session.  
All welcome.

## **Play Leader**

Sue Grey is now acting as lunchtime Play Leader and has already instigated some interesting activities for the children to participate in during lunchtime. She is looking for donations for activities and so if you have:  
Small toy cars  
Old (but reasonable!) socks  
Or small world animals  
She would love to hear from you.  
Please put donations in office or take to Swifts Classroom.  
Thanks

### **Auditor Required**

We need an auditor to audit our school fund. If you or someone you know could do this job please contact Beverley Levy on 01603 457120 or [office@recreationroad.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@recreationroad.norfolk.sch.uk)

### **School Improvement and Development 2009**

This term we are focussing on developing our understanding of enquiry and the use of Mantle of the Expert. Gill Hulme is developing Philosophy For Children. Jenny Lewis and Michael Bunting are working with other experienced practitioners and academics to develop a training programme for schools starting to embark on using Mantle of the Expert as part of the new Primary Curriculum. This will also be enhanced by being a partner school with Surlingham Primary who have been awarded School of Creativity by Creative Partnerships.

We are once more part of Drama For Learning and Creativity (D4LC) with Lorraine Whiting and Sheree Brock our two lead teachers in this project. We aim to work closely with Avenue Junior School who are also part of this project.

I am completing the work for my International Leadership Programme, submitting a case study on our development of Forest Schools and Nicola Cushion is embarking on International Leadership but with a focus on Community Cohesion.

We will also be looking at High Quality PE provision and staff will have opportunities to observe Jo Thompson throughout the term.

We will be furthering our use of Numicon to support calculation, with some further staff training and input from colleagues at Heathersett Woodside School.

Forest Schools work will be developed through the term by Lisa McNaughton, Nicola Cushion and Adrienne Walton.

### **Partnerships**

We will be offering placements to students from City College and UEA this term. Both Mrs Walters and Mrs Wuest will be hosting Post Graduate Teaching Certificate students. We will also have a visit from a Headteacher from Namibia this term as part of a project Parkside School have been involved in.