

Recreation Road Infant School

Newsletter 3

November 2012



Parental/Community Involvement

Thank you for those of you that completed and returned the **Year R questionnaire**. Your responses were overwhelmingly positive with some areas for us to look at for the future. Take a look at the summary of responses on our website www.recreationroad.com or on the reverse of this newsletter.

Year One parents have attended sessions (one afternoon and one evening) on how we use **Mantle of the Expert**. Many thanks to Jenny Lewis for hosting these sessions.

Places for September 2013

We have held two busy open sessions for prospective parents. A reminder that 2013 September applications for school places in Reception needs to be submitted to Norfolk County Council. Please see their website for more information.

Reading For Pleasure:

Over the last week we have been talking to the children about their favourite authors. We are also asking them to do 3 things when they get home:

- 1. Take off their coat**
- 2. Open their book bag**
- 3. Pester someone to share a book with them!**

Our next Reading For Pleasure Newsletter will be out early December-please contact me if you have any suggestions for good reads!

Reminders:

We have had several children with a **vomiting** bug. Please remember that to avoid sharing germs we ask that children remain away from school for 48 hours. Many thanks.

We seem to be acquiring more and more **dogs** left tied up on the fence in the morning. Please think twice about this as many children can find this worrying. We have also had dog poo around the school- which is not good. Probably better to drop children then go back home and walk the dog.

Christmas Events

Each class will perform a short Christmas Concert during the final week of term:

- **Tuesday 18th Dec**-Swallows and Blackbirds parents are invited in the morning/Jays and Doves parents are invited in the afternoon
- **Wednesday 19th Dec**- Crows and Swans parents are invited in the morning/Chaffinch and Owls parents in the afternoon
- **Thursday 20th Dec**- Swifts and Wrens parents are invited in the morning/Robins and Magpies parents in the afternoon

Classes will also be holding parties during this week. Check your class VLE or window notices to find out when.

Our Year Two Choir will be visiting Violet Elvin Court and St Peters' Lunch Club to perform Christmas songs to the elderly residents.

On Friday 21st Dec. some of our Ukelele players are going to the Theatre Royal to perform alongside the Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain.

Year R Parent Questionnaire-A Summary:

25% were returned-

All returns stated that they either agreed or agreed strongly that:

- ✓ Their child was happy in school
- ✓ The staff are approachable and supportive
- ✓ Any concerns have been responded to
- ✓ They have received useful information about their child and how to help them learn

Some of the things people really liked:

- ✓ Friendly and caring atmosphere -They feel welcome in school
- ✓ Parents and community are involved-Meetings for parents to find out about learning
- ✓ Teaching staff are fantastic -Very positive approach
- ✓ Warm, welcoming feel
- ✓ Clear emphasis placed on children's well-being and happiness
- ✓ Children all seem happy
- ✓ Emphasis on teaching children to enjoy reading
- ✓ All staff are supportive and helpful
- ✓ Outside space is great
- ✓ Great communication with the parents
- ✓ Really professional-care about children, have high standards and staff puts lots of effort in
- ✓ Being able to come in to class in mornings and share books together

Suggestions :

- ❖ Getting plenty of notice for events
- ❖ Make morning drop-off less chaotic
- ❖ Smaller classes
- ❖ More events at times more suitable for working parents
- ❖ Volunteer application form a bit long

- ❖ Classrooms made bigger
- ❖ Induction process different