



# Ashwell School

10th February 2012

Dear Parents

## Open Mornings

I am writing to remind you that during the first week after half term, on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, we will be holding Open Mornings at the school. These will give you an opportunity to observe the school in action and to improve your understanding of your children's educational experience. The idea is for parents to be 'flies on the wall' – I have asked the teachers to keep the day as normal as possible without any special performances by pupils (or staff!). This is the second year we have held open mornings, and those parents who came last year reported that they had found it interesting and illuminating, so we hope that more people will come this year.

Obviously, there could be problems with sheer numbers of visitors, so if you would like to come, please can you:-

- ✿ Come either on Tues or Weds morning
- ✿ Feel free to wander round all the classes, not just those your children are in
- ✿ Move on if a classroom becomes very crowded – you can visit the classrooms in any order
- ✿ Try to be as quiet and unobtrusive as possible in order not to interrupt learning; ideally, please try to arrange a time when you won't have to bring younger children.
- ✿ Not attempt to talk to teachers or teaching assistants who will be busy teaching – there will be opportunities to do this later in the term at Parents Evenings.

## Art Exhibition

Many thanks to those parents who helped on the whole school art day on January 20<sup>th</sup>, and to the teachers who prepared and led the workshops, especially Rachel Chalkley, our art subject leader. The children seemed to really enjoy the various activities, and have produced some very impressive work, which is now on display in the wide corridor outside the Foundation Stage room. Please come in and have a look at the exhibition, either during the open mornings or at some other time, to see what they created in just one day.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term, despite the arctic weather!

Kate Oxley