



Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to thank parents and the families of our children for being so patient whilst Ofsted were here and the responses we had to their questionnaire. We are not able to publish the outcome of the report yet but will share it with you fully when it has been validated.

We would also like to thank everyone for a fantastic response to our Harvest appeal. Once again we are demonstrating how, as a community, we are caring for others.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the school will be closed on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October due to training. These are two of the days designated by the government for us to take. On this occasion, we shall be trained in a programme called Read Write Inc which will enable your children to improve their writing skills, one of our priorities for this year.

I do apologise for there being no TT last week as I know so many of you look forward to reading what has been happening in school.

#### **URGENT REMINDER**

Once again I feel I need to remind people about stopping on the zigzag lines outside of school and about children arriving before 8.45am. I hope it does not take an accident for people to take note. I look forward to your support with this.

#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Thank you for coming along to celebrate harvest with the children last Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October and for supporting the school with their harvest sale in the hall. All money raised will go towards Seeds for Africa and the total amount so far raised is £225.68. This is nearly a quarter of our target for the year and a phenomenal effort. The service was a real success and your children demonstrated how well they can empathise with others less fortunate than ourselves. I have to say as well, the two choirs were fantastic. Well done to them.

#### **TRAINING DAYS**

Just a little reminder that we have a couple of training days coming up on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Training days are vitally important for us to ensure we can improve what we offer our children. They are an opportunity for us to improve upon our provision. We are told by the

government that we must take 5 days and they have to be taken in term time. We apologise if this causes inconvenience but I am sure you understand how this will support your children. If there is a problem with child care then please contact our Kids Club.

#### **HOT LUNCHES - CHILDREN IN RECEPTION CLASSES**

Last week saw the start of hot lunches for our children in the Reception Classes (Koalas and Kangaroos). They have been enthusiastically going through to the hall for their hot lunches and comments have been very positive from pupils and staff. Our Foundation Stage staff have been going into the hall with the children which has helped.



*Hot School Meals*

#### **THE FARM KITCHEN**

We had a very successful hot school meal taster session on Tuesday where parents and children tasted our meals. This was extremely successful and a number of children decided they would like to now start having hot meals at school.

**OPEN AFTERNOON - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm** - again this was a great success and we always enjoy having the opportunity to welcome prospective parents to our school where they hear first hand what we strive to offer at Huntingtower School.

### **OUTDOOR AREA FOR RECEPTION CLASSES**

The children and staff are delighted to have their new covered outdoor area in use. It offers a great additional play area for the children. Although we have only just taken possession of it we are making good use of it. Over the half term we hope to improve upon its facilities and add further resources. Unfortunately, the project does not extend to laying turf on the natural area (!!!!!) so if you know of anyone who has contacts in this field then we would appreciate you contacting us.

### **SEPARATED FAMILIES**

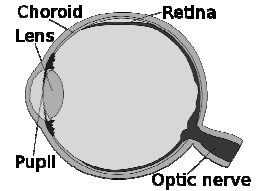
Both parents are valued equally in their child's/children's education and to this end we would appreciate you contacting us/informing us if either distant parent would like to receive weekly Tower Times, diary dates, invitations to Parents' Evenings (twice yearly), sports days, presentations, etc. throughout the year. If these need to be posted we would appreciate a supply of SAE or, if e-mails are more appropriate, please provide your e-mail address. Please state clearly what you would like to receive.

School's e-mail address is:  
enquiries@huntingtowerroad.lincs.sch.uk

### **SPECSAVERS VISIT TO OUR YEAR 5/6 CHILDREN**

At the end of September, Bijal from Specsavers optician visited Years 5 and 6 as part of our science topic. He taught us about how our eyes work, and how they can be different shapes. Using simple diagrams, he showed us how the light focuses in different parts of our eyes, causing long and short-sightedness. He demonstrated how glasses are used to focus the light correctly so that people who are long and short-sighted can see more clearly.

Bijal also taught us about things that can go wrong with eyes, for example, cataracts and glaucoma. He had some gruesome photographs of some of these conditions.



We discussed 3D films and how our eyes work together to create a picture, and we looked at some really strange optical illusions. Our eyes were very confused!

Bijal was really impressed with what we already knew about eyes and how we see things. We found out loads of new things and are looking forward to following up his visit with lots more work!

### **PE SHORTS**

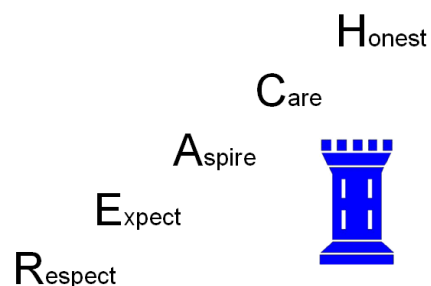
We have now taken delivery of our blue shorts, priced £4.00.

### **COATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY**

As the weather is now very autumnal and soon possibly wintry, please also send your child to school with a warm coat. Even if sometimes it is warm when you come to school, anything can happen throughout the day!

### **FUTURE DATES**

Indian Experience Yrs 3/4	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Break up for half term	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET days for staff	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> and Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Return to school	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> October
PTFA Halloween/Bonfire Disco	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Tudor Workshop Yrs 3/4	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov
PTFA Table Top Sale	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov



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