



Dear Parents / Carers

Children and staff break up on Friday for two weeks and we hope you have a peaceful and happy holiday. We thank you all for your support this term, without which we would have been unable to report on so many wonderful things happening in the Tower Times.

It has, as ever, been a very busy and packed term. One where the school has officially moved to an Ofsted grading of "Good with outstanding features". We remain committed to making this school outstanding across the board and thank you for your support and involvement in its journey.

Have a very peaceful and relaxing Christmas.

Important dates for this week:

Thursday 15th December - Celebration Assembly 9.10am.

Friday 16th December - Endeavour Assembly 9.10am.

OFSTED

Following our recent visit by Ofsted we were pleased to see they recognised how well our staff provide for your children. They said, "Huntingtower has developed into a good, cohesive and inclusive school. This has been the result of concerted efforts by the school's leadership team to improve the provision. Fundamental has been the outstanding work by the school's leadership team to improve the consistency of teaching. As a result, this is now good and ensures that pupils make good progress reinforced by the very close monitoring of pupils' learning and the effectiveness of the targeting and staff deployment to support those pupils who need it."

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL - HARLAXTON ROAD

We have been informed that Sylvia Wainwright, who operates the above School Crossing, is retiring and her last working day will be Friday 16th December. Please note that from Wednesday 4th January the crossing will be un-manned until a survey of the crossing has

been conducted. Please speak with your child to ensure their safety.

PANTOMIME - PETER PAN



Last Friday we all enjoyed a seasonal treat, our annual pantomime. This year was extra special as our builders Wates gave us the show as a gift, thank you!

Once again Pyramid Pantomimes didn't disappoint and Peter Pan amused both adults and children alike.

Laughter and music filled the hall and the children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 stayed mesmerised for the whole hour. Oh yes it is! It's behind you... Sssss, all the favourites came out and we had a ball.

We've booked again for next year...Watch this space!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTIES

As usual, the Christmas meal provided by Farm Kitchens has been delicious and together with the festive decorations and music was a real treat and celebration. Parties so far have been good where Mr A was able to dress up!

CHOIR PERFORMED AT THE GEORGE CENTRE AND ASDA



Our choir had a superb time and really did the school proud on Tuesday. Many parents were there to support along with grand parents, aunts, uncles and friends of the family. The children sang a range of songs at the George Centre, with wonderful acoustics. They then went on to Asda where they sang on the balcony. Their singing was wonderful and one bystander said, "I have heard a lot of children singing but our choir were the only ones who didn't shout and sang beautifully. Their smiles were lovely." Where is Gareth Malone when you need him!!

MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

We are looking to appoint a midday supervisory assistant in the New Year and this post will be advertised shortly. If you are interested in applying, please contact Karen Ratcliffe in the School Office to collect an application pack.

Also, if you are interested in going on our relief list, please see Karen.

TEACHING ASSISTANT - Part-Time (Temporary)

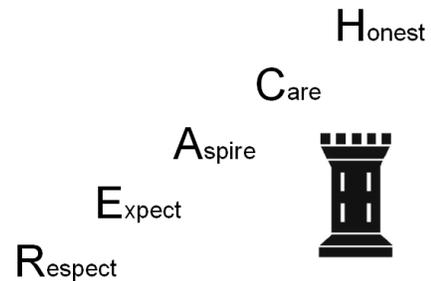
We are also looking to appoint an experienced Teaching Assistant to work in Key Stage 2, to start as soon as possible. Please ask at the School Office for further information and/or an application pack.

DATES for this week and after Christmas

15th December - FS/KS1 Christmas lunch/party

16th December - Carol Service pm - no parents on this occasion.

4th January - Children return to school



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