



Dear Parents / Carers

Well, 2012 has finally arrived! All that talk and now we get the chance to really incorporate those special events into the curriculum. Plans are already afoot! Anyway, welcome back to the Spring Term 2012 and Happy New Year to you All! The building project is still progressing well; dare I say the end is in sight?!

News flash is that Mrs Warner has had a beautiful baby girl named Grace. She was born just before Christmas so was a delightful present for Mrs Warner and her husband.

## OFSTED

We always consider ourselves to be a strong team at Huntingtower of which you are all very important members. Recently Ofsted said; "There is strong teamwork with teaching assistants who support pupils' learning effectively." They also felt that, "There is a unity of purpose among staff because they share the head teacher's commitment to improve the school." Our commitment is to the improvement of your child.

## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL - HARLAXTON ROAD - Reminder

Please note as previously advised, that from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January the crossing will be unmanned until a survey of the crossing has been conducted. Please speak with your child to ensure their safety.

## MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

We are looking to appoint a midday supervisory assistant this year and this post is currently being advertised. 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.

## TERMLY CURRICULUM LETTER

In the next few days you will be receiving your regular termly letter from your child's class teacher. Another exciting one. Please use it to become further involved in your child's progress.

## FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE

It is important that you remember to telephone school (01476 564291) on the first morning of your child's illness/absence or send a text to 07806882061. We have a duty to safeguard each and every child, so it is imperative that you inform us of every absence. The School Office will be following up all absences with a telephone call to you.

## HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Our holiday request cards have now been updated and a child's attendance percentage level will be shown on each request. I will make an individual decision as to whether or not a holiday can be authorised or unauthorised. **You will be informed if your holiday request is to be unauthorised.**

## **SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA**

If your child is sent home having experienced sickness and diarrhoea in school, we will in the future be sending home a letter giving advice on care.

## **FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE 1 PRESENTATION OF "Children of the World"**

Ticket sales raised the sum of £280.20.

This sum will be donated to Dr Frier's  
Children's Holiday Fund

Thank you and Well Done!!

## **SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND EMERGENCY CLOSURES**

During the winter months, for the most up-to-date weather reports, including details on school closures, please tune in to

Lincs FM 102.2 (in Grantham on 96.7FM) and  
BBC Radio Lincolnshire 94.9 and 104.7FM.

or online [www.lincsfm.co.uk](http://www.lincsfm.co.uk). Also view our  
website [www.huntingtowerschool.co.uk](http://www.huntingtowerschool.co.uk) and  
follow us on Twitter @Huntingtower.

Please note that we shall endeavour to remain  
open wherever possible for everyone's  
convenience.

## **WELLIES OR BOOTS**

Our school uniform states that children should  
wear black school shoes (no boots or trainers)  
but, in bad weather, it may be a good idea to  
wear boots or wellingtons to school and bring a  
change of shoes to wear during the school day.

## **PARKING AT HOME TIME**

We kindly ask if parents arriving by car to  
collect their children use all available empty  
spaces in the car park including those opposite  
the football pitch before double parking.  
Members of our team who need to leave  
Huntingtower at 3.10 to collect their own  
children from different schools have found

themselves blocked in and unable to depart.  
Your consideration would be appreciated.

Furthermore, can you also be considerate when  
dropping your child off in the morning. We do  
have lots of spaces in the car park and parking  
on Huntingtower road causes serious  
congestion and difficulty.

Our School Council will be out shortly to assess  
the situation and perhaps "offer some advice"!!

## **DIARY DATES**

4<sup>th</sup> January - Children returned to school

10<sup>th</sup> January - Quantum Theatre production

18<sup>th</sup> January - Interactive Fire Safety

Presentations to Years 2 and 6

20<sup>th</sup> January - Closing date for Reception 2012  
Applications

25<sup>th</sup> January - Ragtex Collection

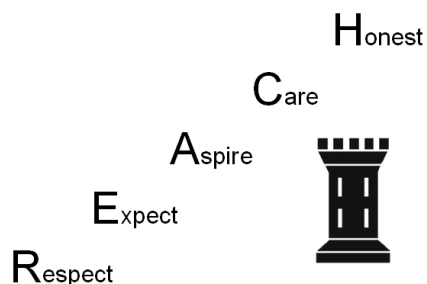
3<sup>rd</sup> February - Grantham Swimathon

10<sup>th</sup> February - PTFA Snowflakes Disco

10<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for Half Term

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

20<sup>th</sup> February - Term 4 - return to school



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