



Dear Parents / Carers

Our new school entrance is now visible from the front of the school and I hope you will agree it is looking good! The builders will continue working on the entrance, administration office and waiting area. Thank you once again for your continued patience and support during this work. Unfortunately, hand over has been put back to 24th February but I can assure you it will be worth waiting for!

Your children have come back brilliantly this term and settled well. I cannot wait to see how the exciting plans for the curriculum work out as the term continues. There are some exciting events planned. Watch this space for further details.

OFSTED

As we have always said, your children matter to us. Not only their academic needs but also their social and emotional needs. This is what Ofsted said about how we care about your children: "A very significant feature of the school is its outstanding care, guidance and support which underpin pupils' learning, foster their confidence and ensure they feel safe. Pupils with difficulties are supported extremely effectively. All pupils judge that adults in the school care about them. Pupils' personal development is good. Pupils understand the school's core values and behave well. They respect each other's backgrounds and are friendly and welcoming."

***DID YOU KNOW ... JUST
 REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR
 FREE SCHOOL MEALS MEANS
 THAT THE SCHOOL GETS EXTRA
 MONEY?***

***REGISTER NOW TO MAKE SURE WE
 DON'T MISS OUT!***

The Government is giving money to schools to help all children do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered for free school meals at Huntingtower Community Primary School, the school gets £488 this year.

With this money we could purchase more computers, provide more enrichment activities, more library facilities and provide more play equipment for the children. These are all things you requested in our recent parent survey. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get subsidies for school trips, music lessons and residential visits.

**Please register before Monday 16th
 January!**

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify - it is not just if you are unemployed.
2. Registering is really quick and easy - if you think you qualify, **contact Karen Ratcliffe** in the school office who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great - they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the **school gets £488 extra**.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal - as long as you qualify and are registered, **the school still gets £488 extra**.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child today.

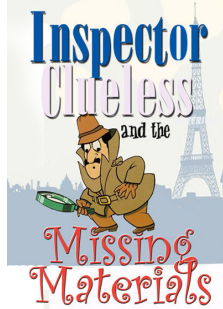
SWIMMING AT THE LEISURE CENTRE

Our Year 5 children will be participating in swimming for Terms 3 and 4. Those children who are swimming already know and have started lessons. Please can you make sure your child is at the pool for 8.50am.

QUANTUM THEATRE FOR SCIENCE

Inspector Clueless and the Missing Materials

On Tuesday the children's Science was brought to life in an exciting and interactive way as they had to help a clueless French Inspector solve his case about some stolen materials. Together they investigated the different properties of materials such as wood, plastic and metal and the different jobs they are each used for depending on their properties. During the investigation they enlisted the help of Heston Bloominheck, the famous chef, who explained that by mixing various materials you can make something entirely different. The children solved the case which led to the arrest of Chocolate Fingers Mcvities. Thanks to your generous contributions the whole school had a fabulous time helping Inspector Clueless find the missing materials.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

You will by now have received letters about these clubs. In all we are offering a total of 18 clubs, some taking place during lunchtimes and others after school. These clubs will run week commencing 16th January through until March.

DIARY DATES

10th January - Quantum Theatre production
18th January - Interactive Fire Safety Presentations to Years 2 and 6
20th January - Closing date for Reception 2012 Applications
25th January - Ragtex Collection
3rd February - Grantham Swimarathon
10th February - PTFA Snowflakes Disco
10th February - Break up for Half Term
13th - 17th February - Half Term
20th February - Term 4 - return to school

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