



Dear Parents / Carers

We often associate snow and ice with Christmas but due to the strange nature of our climate at the moment we are never quite sure what will come our way. Snow has landed, as has ice over canals and streams. We have been reminding the children how it is never safe to walk on ice. Following an incident that occurred to a child from another school we would like you just to reiterate that ice is never safe to walk on. Let's enjoy the snow with snowmen and sliding!! Happy winter!

OFSTED

"Key issues since the last inspection have been tackled well. The school has good capacity to sustain improvement. Almost all parents and carers are happy with their children's experience at the school." Your views on how we can improve are so important so watch out for a questionnaire coming out shortly.

RAGTEX

Thank you to everyone who brought along their bags of textile recycling for collection this week. A total of 50 bags were collected this time, so we await weight and money details.

COLLECTION OF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

I would ask that you please ensure you always collect your child/children from school punctually. As you will appreciate, if children are left at school late in the afternoon, this will cause supervision problems. It also leads to anxiety and sometimes confusion. On the odd occasion when you are delayed, please ensure you contact the School Office 01476 564291.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

All our clubs are now up and running, so we hope your child/children are enjoying this extra learning experience.

MARGARET THATCHER BIOGRAPHER AND EX-MP VISITS HUNTINGTOWER



We have this week been visited by two local historians and an ex-member of Parliament to gather information about Margaret Thatcher. Jonathan Aitkin, ex-minister for defence and advisor to Mrs Thatcher was here to research her latest biography which will be published in 2013. He noted, "It is also good to see that the school is flourishing so well today"

Margaret Hilda Roberts was born on 13th October 1925 in Grantham and was the daughter of a local grocer. She attended our school and then KGGS. She was elected the first female Prime Minister in 1979 and served until November 1990.

ICT EQUIPMENT

This week all our PCs and laptops have been upgraded to Windows 7. This ensures we have a state of the art system. Along with this operating system we have also bought more

equipment. We have 12 tablet PCs and 20 new laptops. It is really important your children have the best equipment along with the best school in Grantham.

We are also in the process of fitting digital signage which will help to keep you and your children informed of what is happening in school.

SPORTS RELIEF SWEATBANDS

A sporty fashion statement if ever there was one. The Sport Relief Sweatband offers you the perfect way to keep your cool as you work out. No sweat! These will be on sale in school priced £1.50.



THE PARENTS' AND CARERS' GUIDE TO THE INTERNET

7th February - Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (SID) is fast approaching and to celebrate, CEOP are releasing the 'The Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet'; an entertaining, light-hearted look at what it takes to be an online parent.

Check it out on 7th February at
thinkuknow.co.uk/parents and
youtube.com/ceop

PARENT PARTNERSHIP - LINCOLNSHIRE

Concerns about your child's special needs or disability?

The next local meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March, 10am - 12 noon, at The Family Centre, 42 Earlesfield Lane (poster on display on the School Office window - please have a look at what is offered).

SPORTING EVENTS

On Monday 30th January, a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Mike Bundy Athletics Competition held at the Table Tennis Centre. They were all extremely keen, arriving promptly and getting warmed up. The children all ran and jumped incredibly well. We had a winner in the short run - Adam Leese. Next

Monday we are hoping to do even better, especially now we know the competition.

Are you free tomorrow (Friday) from 4.30pm? Can you come and cheer on the school teams at the Swimathon? The evening event will see Mr Anderson taking to the water to try and beat his total lengths from last year - 147. Can he and his team beat it or will Miss Steeples and her afternoon team be the victors within school?



"Please remind number three that swimming aids are not allowed." Cartoon by Terry Shebourne

This colouring competition will appear in this week's Grantham Journal.

Tuesday 7th will see the turn of the Year 2 and Year 4 gymnasts competing for the school. The children have been training for a few weeks and will be heading to the Priory Ruskin Academy to show their knowledge of the routines and skills to the judges. We wish all the children involved the very best and look forward to finding out how they get on.

FORTHCOMING P.T.F.A. EVENTS

Friday 10th February - Snowflake Disco - tickets on sale Monday and Tuesday next week.

P.T.F.A. Quiz Night - Friday 9th March
Don't forget to get your entry in for this evening of 'total' fun. If you have mislaid the entry form, ask at the School Office for another one.

Hanging Baskets - order forms will be sent out separately.

Summer Fayre - Saturday 7th July - this is our next major fund raising event scheduled for the hot summer days!

DIARY DATES

3rd February - Grantham Swimathon

10th February - PTFA Snowflakes Disco

10th February - Break up for Half Term

13th - 17th February - Half Term

20th February - Term 4 - return to school