



Dear Parents / Carers

Well, it's finally come! The snow has hit and I had a great time at the weekend. We were hoping it would not disrupt school but unfortunately a gymnastics event was postponed. As I stated in the letter earlier this week, we aim to stay open wherever possible. However, the safety of your children is our priority so if there is an effect on school we will let you know asap.

In the meantime, have a great time at half term and we look forward to seeing everyone when we open again on Monday 20th February 2012.

OFSTED

We have invested a lot in supporting children in early reading strategies and Ofsted has noted this. "Progress in reading is accelerating because there is a sustained focus, through group-guided reading, to develop these skills. Pupils develop a richer vocabulary because of the focus on developing 'wow' words."

INTERACTIVE FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

LINCOLNSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

YEAR 6 FIRE TALK

On Wednesday 11th January, Year 6 had a fire talk with one of the life-saving fire fighters.

She told us what to do if we encountered a fire. Jonah Smith, Leona Drew and Dave Crowder had to shout "FIRE!!!!" and when Jonah shouted FIRE! he scared the Year 3 and 4s!!!!

We also watched a video about how quickly a fire could spread! Did you know.....the fire alarm can go off after 2 minutes!

So stay safe everyone!

By Elisha Raado and Olivia Parke

WELLIES OR BOOTS

Our school uniform states that children should wear black school shoes (not boots or trainers) but, in bad weather, it is a good idea to wear boots or wellingtons to school and bring a change of shoes to wear during the school day.

LET'S GET COOKING

In Let's Get Cooking we talked about healthy food. We made couscous with cucumber, pepper, tomatoes and spring onions.

It tasted fantastic and it is good for you. We had to be very careful when we cut up the vegetables with sharp knives. We also made some healthy dips. There was a refreshing cucumber and yogurt raita and an avocado and tomato dip. We enjoyed tasting them and washed them down with some delicious freshly squeezed orange juice. Healthy foods taste as good as sugary food and they are much better for you.



Adam Wright, Brendan Wraight and
Maryann Wydra

DIARY DATES

10th February - PTFA Snowflakes Disco
 10th February - Break up for Half Term
 13th - 17th February - Half Term
 20th February - Term 4 - return to school

WARM HOMES DISCOUNT - SUMMARY AND ENERGY COMPANY INFORMATION

Just to keep you informed of help which may be available to you. If you are claiming income support, income based jobseekers allowance, income based employment support allowance or on low income below £16000 (including tax credits) then you should contact your energy supplier as soon as possible to qualify for £120 per annum refund for the next 4 years. You will have to be quick though as Scottish Power (I believe) have already closed their list but other biggies like British Gas and E-on are still open.

PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE LOWER AGE LIMIT FROM 3 TO 4 YEARS AT GRANTHAM BELTON LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consultation Process

It is the Local Authority's (LA) statutory duty to maintain a sufficient number of early years places in Lincolnshire. The designated nursery class at Belton Lane CP School has been closed for 2 years and the LA believes that the provision of a LA maintained nursery class is no longer necessary at that school. This proposal will lead to the removal of the nursery class at the school but there will continue to be sufficient early years places in the area to ensure adequate provision and choice for parents in Grantham. This proposal will not affect the existing voluntary child care provider, The Pre-school Learning Alliance, which will continue to operate from the school site as it does now. It is however important that the LA gather and consider all views on this proposal prior to making a decision on how to proceed. Following statutory consultation, if the proposal is approved, the age range will be amended with effect from 31 August 2012.

If you would like further information or would like to comment on this proposal then please collect a form from our School Office, which will need completing and returning to LCC by 23rd March 2012.

Copies of consultation documentation including an electronic version of the feedback form, can be found online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning under "Current Consultations"

FORTHCOMING P.T.F.A. EVENTS

Friday 10th February - Snowflake Disco - tickets on sale all this 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 - you should already have received an order form.

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

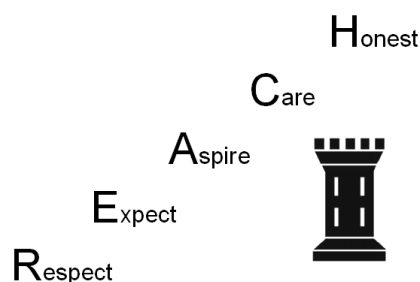
SWIMARATHON 2012 A HUGE SUCCESS!



Well done to all that took part. As I tweeted the other day, the school did 520 lengths with 22 swimmers in 4 lanes! Well done to all who took part, supported and sponsored. A great result! I am not sure what our sponsorship totals, but we will be benefitting in some form from the efforts of all who took part.

Here is the video from this year's event. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mt_CEAHGBV4

Next year 6 lanes to include staff (remember Miss Harkins you do alternate years and it's your turn in 2013!!), pupils and, for the first time, parents!! Thanks go to Mrs Bensley for organising the two sessions. Go team Huntingtower!



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