



Reach for the Moon
 Week Commencing 16th May 2012

Dear Parents / Carers

Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs and can now look forward to the summer and enjoying school without the pressure of pending tests. As a treat they will all be going bowling on Friday afternoon - school will be paying for this. Thank you to parents for supporting your child.

We are looking forwards to the Olympic and Jubilee arrangements and there is a lot happening in school and Grantham. Please keep an eye on the website, Tower times and twitter for news as it comes out.

OFSTED

We believe reading is fundamental to children's success. That is why we have invested a lot of money and training this year in improving your child's opportunities to read and achieve. Ofsted said, "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. Almost all pupils think that they learn a lot in lessons."

P.T.F.A. GOLDEN DRAW

In the next few days your child will be bringing home 3 books of Huntingtower Golden Draw Raffle tickets. There are some amazing cash prizes wouldn't winning the 1st prize be a marvellous way to start the summer holidays? We would really appreciate your support in helping us by selling just 3 books. Please enclose the money and ticket stubs in the envelope provided, seal and return to your child's class teacher **by Friday 15th June**. If you would rather not participate, please return the books to the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

OUR INCLEMENT SUMMER WEATHER

Please always ensure your child brings to school a cardigan/jumper or lightweight coat. The weather is usually so unpredictable but we will always encourage the children to go out at break times.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

We have had to re-arrange the date for the school photographer coming into school. It will now be **Wednesday 13th June and not Monday 21st May** as previously advised. This is due to several members of staff being out on training courses. We apologise for this change of date, but have been told there will still be adequate time for orders to be placed/delivered before the end of term.

MAKE A CROWN FOR THE JUBILEE



**Fun Filled
Competition
to make a
crown for the
Queens
Jubilee!**

Just bring it along to **Dysart park Family Funday** on **Sunday 3rd June** where there will be stalls, games, raffles, tombolas, kids quad bikes, face painting plus much more. Bring a picnic and join us for this fun filled family event!

**Gates open at 12 Noon
Judging to commence at 2pm**

**1st Prize £20 Voucher
2nd Prize £10 Voucher
3rd Prize £5 Voucher**

All crowns should have a sticker with the child's name, age and telephone number on it. Winners will be notified on the day. Sponsored by Yorkshire Bank.



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CHILDREN WITH SEN TOP ABSENTEE LIST

Nearly 400,000 pupils missed at least a month of school during the school year 2010/11, according to new Government statistics.

Those with SEN, and children on free school meals, were around three times more likely to be persistently absent.

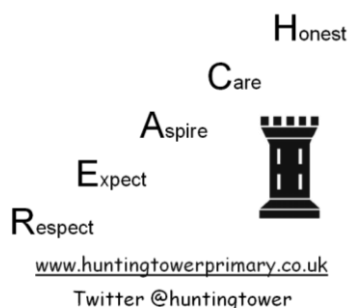
Releasing the figures, a Department for Education (DfE) statement highlighted "clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement". Figures for 2009/10 show that only 35 per cent of pupils who missed ten to twenty per cent of school achieved five A* to C grade GCSEs including English and Maths. For those who missed 50 per cent of school this figure drops to just three per cent. This contrasts with children who missed less than five per cent of school, 73 per cent of whom achieved five A* to Cs including English and Maths.

- Pupils with SEN are three times more likely to miss school
- These children need over-learning opportunities
- Interventions only work when they are regular and completed
- Schools are not able to support children effectively if they are not in school

REQUEST FOR PUPIL'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE (HOLIDAYS)

Just to confirm that holiday applications will not be authorised if your child's attendance level is below 90%. A telephone call will be made to inform you of this. If you do not hear from us, then your holiday is authorised.

A revised absence and lateness policy is soon to be submitted to the Governing Body and, when approved, will be available from the School Office and our website.



CABARET EVENING - SATURDAY 2ND JUNE



Tickets are still available for this fantastic event.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just to remind parents who order hot lunches, that it is your responsibility to always write on the order form if your child has any food allergies. Thank you.

DOGS

Please be reminded that no dogs are allowed to be brought on to the school site. You will appreciate that this is inappropriate.

FORTHCOMING P.T.F.A. EVENTS

Cabaret Night - Saturday 2nd June

Summer Fayre - Saturday 7th July

DIARY DATES

Break up - Friday 1st June

Half Term - Monday 4th - Friday 8th June

Term begins - Monday 11th June

Class, Years 6 Leavers and Sports Teams

Photographs - Wednesday 13th June

Year 6 Transition day to Secondary Schools -

Tuesday 3rd July (Charles Read School Tuesday 10th July)

Races Day - Thursday 12th July

Team Sports - Tuesday 17th July

Leavers' Service - Tuesday 17th July eve

Break up - Thursday 19th July

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2012/2013

Term 1 Wednesday 5th September 2012 to Thursday 25th October

Term 2 Monday 5th November to Friday 21st December

Term 3 Tuesday 8th January 2013 to Friday 15th February

Term 4 Monday 25th February to Wednesday 27th March

Term 5 Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May

Term 6 Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July

Please note these days are Lincolnshire County Council recommended and we will confirm our dates in September 2012.