



Reach for the Moon
 Week Commencing 16th July 2012

Dear Parents / Carers

We have finally reached the last week of this school year, and what a fantastic year it has been. Keep an eye on our website to see some slideshows of key events over the year.

As I am now completing my 4th year at Huntingtower School, I can only say what a privilege it has been and how far the school has moved. Your children continue to make really good progress and the school has seen its best results since I have been here. This, in part, has been down to the support and commitment of our parents and friends. Thank you all for this

We say farewell and all good wishes to a number of staff who will be leaving us this week and thank them once again for all their hard work and commitment: Mrs Coyle - moving on to be Deputy Head Teacher at a local school, Miss Read - moving on to a Rutland school, Miss Gardner - moving on to a Nottingham City school, Mrs Warner - returning to Kent, Mrs Phillips - retiring, Mrs Carmichael - retiring, Mrs Wilson - taking time out to look after her young family, Mrs Shaw - retiring, Mrs Mitchell - new job, Mr Twycross - retiring.

Finally, may we wish you all a very happy summer break from school, stay safe and we look forward to working with you all again in September - children are back in school on **Wednesday 5th September**.

HARRY POTTER EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday, 11th July, the Year 6s had the delight of travelling to Warner Bros Studios in London to see the Making of Harry Potter! Everyone, even the teachers, enjoyed every second of it. We got to see the sets, props, costumes and much more, that were actually used in the Harry Potter movies. We even managed to get a picture with some of those phenomenal items and sets.

Near the start everyone was handed their own Harry Potter Passport, which means, when we go around our tour we will stamp our passport, if we need to. Also we watched Harry, Ron and Hermione on screen in front of a door ... The next thing you know, that door is in front of us! That was the beginning of our tour.

We headed straight into the Great Hall (that was actually used in the set). At the front of the hall, where all the Hogwarts teachers usually stand, were their costumes! By the way, we didn't just see indescribable things, we also learned, Hagrid is mostly a suit. Just so you know, our coach ride wasn't boring at all, we were watching Harry Potter movies on the way and on the way back! This trip was one of the best we have ever been on!

By Lydia Rahman

P.T.F.A. SUMMER FAYRE



Another wonderful day organised by the PTFA which raised £1,500! The extra good news is that this will be match funded by Costcutter through Mr Hynard. Thanks to them. That makes £3,000! Also the raffle made £1,500 too!! £4,500 all for a few hours work. Really well done

Thank you so much for all the really hard work the PTFA members have put into this year. Along with other major events such as summer and winter fayres, cabaret and raffle the PTFA have worked hard to support smaller occasions. Last night they were serving tea and coffee at the Y6 leavers' performance.

As a finale, the PTFA met to review the year and they confirmed that they had raised a staggering £16,278.48!! Amazing - and it all goes to benefit your children.

RACES AND TEAM SPORTS DAYS -



Wonderful to see children so committed to themselves and supporting each other. Sports days managed to dodge the rain. The only days in the week when it didn't rain! Thank you for all of your support. Some memorable

moments were when Jessica fell over, picked herself up, and ran through the line with arms aloft and a beaming smile! And Logan really loving his teddy in the teddy race! However, there do have to be winners and this year's winner for the team event was Crane and the races was Dragon. The winner overall was Crane. Well done to all competitors.

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE AND HOLIDAY REQUESTS

At Huntingtower all Governors and staff are passionate and totally committed in allowing every child to achieve their full potential. This, unfortunately, is not always possible if a child has a high level of absence/low level of attendance. Each and every child deserves the best opportunities to aim high and succeed in life and there is no better time to start than at primary school.

Every child is occasionally ill and this really is the only totally acceptable reason for absence.

Holidays during term time will sometimes be authorised, but only if your child's attendance percentage is 95%. (This allows only 10 days absence throughout a whole academic year). If your child is ill quite often, please consider carefully whether or not a holiday in the same academic year would be the right thing to do.

Governors and staff will continue to strive to support your child, but we now ask you all to consider the above and also make a significant impact on your child's learning.

Our latest policy can be found on our website or a copy obtained from the office.

Y6 PRESENTATION - CINDERELLA ROCKEFELLA!



What a way for the children to sign off from Huntingtower than a fabulous performance, with a twist, of Cinderella. They have all worked so hard this year and that applies to rehearsals too. They took rapturous applause, and a standing ovation, from a very appreciative audience...that included their very proud teachers, parents, grand parents, etc. Well done to them all and good luck in their new schools.

Picnic Cancelled - Sorry
Due to the poor weather I am afraid we will not be able to hold the picnic this year.

MATHS MANIA

On the 4th July, Kacper, Rowan, Katie and Egle went to Isaac Newton Primary School to compete in this year's Maths Mania event. 10 other schools from all over Grantham and surrounding villages also took part in this exciting experience.

We had four different rounds and some extra thinks, but the extras only took about 5-10 minutes because Kacper and Egle whizzed on with them whilst Rowan and Katie did the proper rounds.

We called our team Huntingtower Hunters and overall we came in second, whilst Clifedale took first place. Everyone had a great time.

By Rowan and Kacper



HOT LUNCH PROVIDER

You may or may not be aware that we have a new kitchen and a new hot meal provider. We are very excited about this as it gives us the opportunity to quality control the hot lunch provision in a much tighter way and provide a really good service to our children and the broader community.

The supplier is a company called "Food 4 Thought" and they have been providing hot meals for some years now. There will be four choices every day and, although we still prefer you to order in advance, you can order on the day. Also, the meals are great value at £2 per day.

Once the service is fully functioning we hope to have an online ordering service and one from your smart phones!

WELCOME MR MACKINNON

Our new site manager has started this week, Mr Stephen MacKinnon, so welcome aboard to him. He is very happy to be joining our team and we look forward to what he can do to develop use of our school. If you are interested in hiring Huntingtower, or know of someone then please contact the office.

FUND RAISER

Please note that the Grantham Fire Service will be undertaking a fund raising event in aid of the school and the Fire Fighters Charity. They will be at the Morrison's Centre from 10am-6pm this Friday. Show your support by paying a visit. The task they are undertaking will be running on a treadmill with their full breathing apparatus! If you're lucky, you may even see Mr Anderson down there!



Saturday 8th Sept 2012

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An event to look out for.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2012/2013

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| Term 1 | Wednesday 5 th September 2012 to Thursday 25 th October |
| Term 2 | Monday 5 th November to Friday 21 st December |
| Term 3 | Tuesday 8 th January 2013 to Friday 15 th February |
| Term 4 | Monday 25 th February to Wednesday 27 th March |
| Term 5 | Monday 15 th April to Friday 24 th May |
| Term 6 | Monday 3 rd June to Tuesday 23 rd July |

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

DIARY DATES

Break up - Thursday 19th July