



Dear Parents / Carers

I have just noticed that this is our 48th edition of the Tower Times. It only seems like yesterday that we started this form of communication with parents and our community. Seeing as it will be our 50th soon, I would appreciate your comments about how we could improve the content of the Tower Times. If you have any suggestions could you please email us?

Next week we are having a visit from Val Gibson, an ex-pupil and eminent scientist. We are always looking to hear from past pupils and those who have made it "BIG"!! If you know of anyone please let us know. If you would like to meet Val then please come along to celebration assembly next week.

SCHOOL MEALS



I am delighted that the uptake in school meals has risen since the opening of our new kitchen introduction of our new provider, Food 4 Thought. Children having meals has risen from 60 per day to 140 per day. I regularly eat a hot meal and am delighted with the quality. Whilst eating the meals I also chat to the children and they are really pleased with the meals too. We are still working towards making the experience in the hall a really positive one and have invited feedback from staff and pupils and would welcome your views too. For instance, we are considering whether we just let all of our children who order a meal make a choice on the day. We know the menus are balanced so if you have a view on this then please contact us. Well done to Food 4 Thought and also our lunchtime staff.

TOY GUNS ON OUR SCHOOL SITE

Please ensure that your child does not bring a toy gun with him/her when they come to school. In the last few days we have had children playing with toy guns which, as I am sure you will agree, are totally unacceptable and inappropriate.

CAR PARKING

Please note that the pedestrian access to the car park has been closed due to safety reasons and therefore the only access is across the car park. As such, please can you be very careful if dropping your child off in that area. Mr MacKinnon, our new site manager, is putting together an accessibility plan which includes marked pedestrian areas and disability parking. However, until this is in place please drive responsibly.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that we are lucky to have a car park which parents can use for dropping off and picking up. There have been some instances where people have parked inconsiderately or even dangerously in the car park or around school. Following discussions with the governors we have talked about closing the car park if people's first consideration is not safety. Please drive and park sensibly around school - it could be your child who is hurt as a consequence of poor parking.

LET'S GROW 2012 - Morrisons Vouchers Free Gardening Equipment for Schools



Please send in your vouchers which are being issued between 20th August and 28th October. There is a collection box for your children to put the tokens in outside the staff room.

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2013

Was one of your children born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009? If so then they are eligible for admission to School in September 2013. New rules mean that the Local Education Authority now control admissions.

Parents can apply for a place from 19th November 2012 on line or request a paper application by telephoning 01522 782030.

**OUR OPEN AFTERNOON FOR
NEW PARENTS -
TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER AT 1.45PM**

RED CALENDAR

Please find accompanying this Tower Times a copy of our red calendar detailing all dates and activities so far agreed for this academic year. Please keep it in a safe place to refer to throughout the coming months.

SWIMMING AT THE LEISURE CENTRE

Just to inform you that our Year 6 children will have swimming lessons up until Christmas, our Year 5 children until Easter and then our Year 4 children in the summer term.


SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER: WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

All pupils will be offered an individual package, but a family group will also be available. Parents with pre-school children are asked to be at school for 8.40am for a family group photograph.

Diary Dates

School Photographer	Wed 26 th September
Harvest Festival	Friday 5 th October
Parents' Evenings	Wed 17 th October
Parents' Evening	Thursday 18 th October
Open Afternoon for Parents of Children starting school September 2013	Tuesday 23 rd October
Break up for half term	Thursday 25 th October
INSET for staff	Friday 26 th October
Return to school	Monday 5 th November
INSET for staff	Friday 23 rd November

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