



Dear Parents / Carers

Issue No. 50 - we hope you have found our Tower Times both informative and interesting. Through this means of communication we aim to keep everyone associated with Huntingtower School aware of what goes on and celebrate children's achievements. Governors are likewise kept informed and copies are uploaded onto our website.

Thanks to all involved in Gravity Fields. A fabulous event. We must all look out for it in two years time. Thanks also to those who supported Harvest and the work of the Grantham Foodbank.

## GRAVITY FIELDS

**WOW!** What a festival, the atmosphere was amazing. The bright lights blended brilliantly with the great samba music. The costumes, dancing and all the flags were mesmerising. Last but not least the acrobats were outstanding on the tight ropes. Marching like soldiers made everyone tired (even the teachers), but it didn't get us down. All of it went together like an astonishing puzzle. You couldn't imagine how it was all about one person (Isaac Newton) but it mixed perfectly. **What a NIGHT!! Year 5 children**



## THE GOLDEN BOOT CHALLENGE

We will be running an inter-class competition at our school for the next three weeks, starting this Monday.



The Golden Boot challenge is a fun way to encourage our children to walk, car share, scoot or cycle to school. Walking, scooting or cycling provides you and your children with an opportunity to get some extra exercise (which as part of our Healthy School status we are keen to encourage) as well as being better for our environment!

All classes will be recording how they came to school and then the totals will be added up for each class at the end of the week, providing our children with real and meaningful opportunities for data handling in Maths. We will be running the challenge for three weeks, announcing each week's winning class for KS1 and KS2 every Monday. At the end of the three weeks, the winning class for each key stage at the end of the competition will then be presented with the Golden Boot trophy!



## SPARE CHANGE CHALLENGE!

Please remember to send in your spare change, between 10p and 20p, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Money should be sent into school in an envelope to make it easier for us to collect from each class.

## PHOTOGRAPHER - ABSENTEES

The School Photographer will be back in school on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am** to take any photographs of children who were absent on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. Parents with pre-school children are asked to be at school for 8.40am for a family group photograph.

## SEPARATED FAMILIES

Both parents are valued equally in their child's/children's education and to this end we would appreciate you contacting us/informing us if either distant parent would like to receive weekly Tower Times, diary dates, invitations to Parents' Evenings (twice yearly), sports days, presentations, etc. throughout the year. If these need to be posted we would appreciate a supply of SAE or, if e-mails are more appropriate, please provide your e-mail address. Please state clearly what you would like to receive.

School's e-mail address is:  
enquiries@huntingtowerroad.lincs.sch.uk

## COATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY

As the weather is now very autumnal and soon possibly wintry, please always send your child to school with a warm coat. Even if sometimes it is warm when you come to school, anything can happen throughout the day!

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

Mr Craig Turner is involved with family liaison. If there are any concerns about your child's education, the first port of call is the class teachers, but any other concerns Mr Turner is here to help. **He will be holding a drop in session for any parents in the Community Room on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 1.20 - 3-15pm.**

## CAR PARKING - STAFF CAR PARK AND ADJACENT ROADS

Having now been in post for a number of weeks, this has given me an opportunity to have a good look around the School. The one thing that is giving me reason for concern is car parking. On both roads in front of the School (opposite the car park and Huntingtower Road) there are School Keep Clear signs clearly marked on the road and they are there for a very good reason. These areas must be kept clear at all times, as it is a crossing area for parents and children as they make their way to and from school. Children are not always accompanied over these crossing points and when their view is obstructed by parked cars, this may lead to an accident. We must remember that although

children may excel in some things, their ability and experience to cross roads may be limited due to their age. I would ask all parents to please observe all parking restrictions and not park on any entry/exit points to the staff car park, so we can all get a clear view of traffic coming from both directions. The speed limit has been reduced from 10 mph to 5 mph in the car park. If you have any issues or concerns about general parking and road safety then please let me know, we are open to all ideas if it means making it a safer place. You will find me every morning at the external gates.

**Steve MacKinnon - Site Manager**



## FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Please follow the links below and vote! It is to win £25,000 worth of school playground equipment mainly for KS2 playground.

Twitter - [@wicksteedplay](#) is giving up to £25,000 worth of school playground equipment in their FB [#competition](#) <http://goo.gl/WTv8Y>

Facebook - search for Wicksteed Playscapes - click on their competition box at the top of their page search for Huntingtower school and please vote and share with your friends.

## VOMITING (SICKNESS) AND DIARRHOEA

To prevent the spread of infection and sickness between children in school, we advise that your child should be kept away from school for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

This advice is given to us by the School Nurse at Grantham Health Clinic and also by the World Health Clinic.

### Diary Dates

Parents' Evenings	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Parents' Evening	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Open Afternoon for Parents of Children starting school	
September 2013	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Break up for half term	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET for staff	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October