



Dear Parents / Carers

Guy Fawkes, Robin Hood, Caesar, Super Dads and many more are what you will read about this week. Goodness knows how busy your children have been - Read on!

Please note the very important message about how we will be communicating with you in the future. We are going electronic so be prepared.

## **BONFIRE LAST FRIDAY - YEAR 5/6**



As part of their topic this term, the Year 5 and 6 children are learning about the 1600s and the events that occurred during this period. Last

Friday, they started off the topic by learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot! The children worked in teams throughout the day to create a Guy Fawkes which was then burnt on our bonfire after school. It was great fun and the team work throughout the day was fantastic to see. Many thanks to all the friends and family who came to support our bonfire - we look forward to many more events like this over the coming year!

## **YRS 1 AND 2 VISIT - SHERWOOD PINES**

### *My Day at Sherwood Pines*

On Wednesday the Year 2s went to Sherwood Pines. We all got on the coach and we felt really excited. But we did feel a bit nervous about being sick on the coach. However, nobody was sick on the coach. We felt delighted when we got there.

When we got off the coach we were greeted by Lindsey, the Forest Ranger, and she showed us the class room and in the class room there was a fire burning and it made us feel welcome and also very warm. Then the Meerkats went with Lindsey and the Tigers went for a romp and we all had a very good adventure and it was brilliant!

When we were searching we heard a lot of noises and because we were so quiet we could hear cars from a long way away.

When we finished our adventure we had lunch. Some people had a lunch box and some people had a bag. Then when we finished, the carpet looked disgusting because there were hundreds of crumbs, so all of the children had to clean it all up. After lunch we went to the toilets then we got back onto the coach and went home. We had a great day at Sherwood Pines.

**By Freddie Shelford**

## **DADS, LADS AND LASSES CHALLENGE!**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, after school, Mr Anderson set challenges for the children to build a tower and make mini paper airplanes with the help of their adventurous dads. However, it was not as easy as it sounds, because we had to complete mini challenges to earn the equipment we needed in order to build the towers and planes. The mini challenges we had to complete were things like brain teasers or card tricks.

Finally, we flew our planes to see whose would travel the furthest. Teams received a certificate if their planes came first, second or third. Also certificates were awarded for the tallest tower and the best looking plane.

We all had such a great time, it was very fun!

**Bethany Richardson and Connor O'Flaherty**

Thanks to Food4Thought for providing refreshments.

'This week we held an event for 'Dads, Lads and Lasses'. As many fathers, granddads and male carers find it difficult to get into school, it was a

great opportunity for them to come and take part in school life. Many males came along and worked alongside their children in creating aeroplanes and structures from straws. The evening was about collaboration and enjoyment, with everyone involved having a great time. Certificates were presented at the end for those lucky enough to have built the tallest structure, best design or furthest flying plane. Many children and adults talked about how much they had enjoyed the event and we are looking to make it a regular occurrence in the future. Many thanks to all of those involved in delivering the event and if you were not there this time.....hope you can make it next time.'

#### **PUPIL INFORMATION - Contact Details**

Please always ensure that throughout the year, if you have a change of address, telephone numbers or contact details, please call into the office to keep us informed. Alternatively, drop us an e-mail or send in a letter with your child. This way we can keep your child's records bang up to date.

#### **INSET - FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Just a reminder that school will be closed to all children next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> due to staff training.**

#### **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS/CARERS**

Most of you will know that for the last few months we have been sending our weekly Tower Times out to parents electronically, thus ensuring it reaches you immediately and saves trees in the process. We have now decided that nearly all our letters/communications will be sent by this means; apart from letters which have a reply slip attached (these will continue to be sent out in paper form).

**This new system will start week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

#### **RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH**

Four of us in Year 6, Katie Bevan, Georgia Baxter, Rowan Clark and Caitlin Nattrass, are raising money for Cancer Research, due to all those who have been or are still going through a tough time fighting cancer and supporting

their families. We are doing this by participating in the Mere's Leisure Centre's event 'Distance Night' on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012. Our aim is to swim 1000 metres and after we have all achieved that, many more. With all of our opinions put together, we have decided our name, Tower Girls. 'Tower' for Huntingtower, and 'Girls' simply because we are all girls! We would like to reach £80. If we were to raise this grand amount we would be determined to complete our self-set task! If you would like

to sponsor us, please visit

[www.justgiving.com/towergirls](http://www.justgiving.com/towergirls)

**Thank you for your support!**

**By Tower Girls**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

80% attendance is the same as having a day off every week.

The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a primary school pupil.

#### **CHEWING GUM**

We have noticed that unfortunately parents/carers are chewing gum and dropping it on the pavements outside school. This is both undesirable and it's appearance is not what we want for our school entrances/exits. Please kindly refrain from doing this.

#### **GRANTHAM FOODBANK UPDATE**

Please see below advertising for this up and coming Christmas. A big thank you from the Foodbank co-ordinators - over the Harvest period 3 tonnes of food was donated. Also, last weekend's collection at Asda generated just under 1 tonne. There were so many compassionate and positive stories.



**PLAY4LIFE: FREE FUN AND INTERACTIVE  
COURSE FOR PARENTS WITH  
CHILDREN AGED 0-5**

As you know, a great way to keep children active and healthy is by playing, whether they're doing organised activities or just moving around and enjoying themselves. To help promote play in young children, Children's Links are running a free interactive programme for parents of children aged 0-5 called Play4Life.

Information is available from the school office or access the website:

[www.childrenslinks.org.uk](http://www.childrenslinks.org.uk)

**ROLE PLAY WEDDING!**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, all of the children in our Foundation Stage were involved in role playing a wedding. They all had a part to play including the bride, groom, bridesmaids, best man, ushers, photographer and guests. We had a fabulous time and it really brought our celebrations topic to life. The children carried out wedding based activities all week including writing a place card, decorating wedding cakes and wrapping 3d gifts during Maths. We would like to say a big thank you to all our parents for the fabulous wedding costumes provided. The children had a learning experience to remember and the grown-ups enjoyed it too!

Diary Dates

INSET for staff  
Break up

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Date - December	Event
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> 3.30pm	PTFA Winter Fayre
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec pm	Christmas Presentation Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> pm	Christmas Presentation
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> eve	Christmas Presentation
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch KS2
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> pm	Christmas Party KS2
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch KS1/FS
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> pm	Christmas Party KS1/FS
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Service
<i>The above dates and times are subject to confirmation.</i>	

**Food 4 Thought - News**

Our first 'Top Table' last Friday was a huge success. Six lucky children were selected for their lovely manners in the dining room, to join Mr Anderson on our special table, with fresh flowers, apple place mats and fancy wine glasses. Children looked on with envy, whilst our Regional Manager Emma, waited on our guests, who were all awarded a certificate at the end of their lunch. We look forward to treating KS1 to our special lunchtime experience this week.



**REMINDER FROM  
FOOD4THOUGHT**

**As school will be closed to  
children next  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November,  
please do not order meals for that  
day.**

**CRACKING IDEAS SPONSORED WALK**

On Tuesday we did a sponsored walk from the Dirty Duck to school, to raise money for our Cracking Ideas group. The money raised will help us buy resources for our Scelectrix project. Mr Turner and Mrs Cann joined us on our stroll along the canal. It was tougher than we imagined but we completed the walk in 2 hours and 15 minutes. Whilst on our journey we spotted different types of wildlife including, ducks, swans, squirrels, and fish. We tried to work out where we were at each bridge we came across using the map. Altogether we walked 6.9 miles and finished with a hot chocolate. We took it in turns taking photos on the ipad; we will now create a story board to present to the class.

By Jack Newman, Billy Harrison and Pearce Towler