



Dear Parents / Carers

An important issue of the Tower Times this week as we have two major pieces of information. Firstly, we now have a Facebook page in response to last year's questionnaire so we can keep you even more informed of what is happening. Secondly, we are investigating becoming an academy and we would like to know what you think. There is much more information coming to you and we will keep you posted.

HUNTINGTOWER HITS FACEBOOK



Following your request to keep you more informed of what is happening at school we have established a Facebook account. If you search for Huntingtower Community Primary School you should find us. Like the page and you will be able to hear the news first and find out all about what your children are doing. We also aim to use it to explore how we can inform you of ways of supporting your children further. News from the website is instantly swept onto the Facebook page which means you won't miss a thing!

Along with this we have established a "Social Media Policy" which can be viewed on our website:

<http://www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=32> . As it says in the policy, Facebook is not a forum for discussion and if you wish to raise anything about the school then please come and see us in person.

PRIMARY APPLICATION PACKS

September 2013

Primary Application packs for 2013 entry are available from the School Office. The closing date for applications is 14th January 2013, but we would encourage you to complete the application as soon as possible and by Christmas. If you have problems with the online system, application to Lincolnshire County Council can be made by telephone or even ask for a paper form.

POSSIBLE ACADEMY CONVERSION CONSULTATION

With all of the changes that are taking place in education at the moment it has been decided by the Governors that we should consider what being an academy could mean to our school and, more importantly, your children. As a consequence, you will have received some information about the benefits and disadvantages of becoming an academy. We would like to hear from you if you have any questions about what remaining a Local Authority school or becoming an academy is all about. Please look out for information from your child, check out the website, follow us on Twitter or Facebook. Your views matter!

CHOIR TO GEORGE CENTRE

This week, on Tuesday afternoon, 35 members of the Huntingtower School Choir performed in the George Centre. They sang a variety of songs from traditional carols, old nativity tunes and crooner classics. The children sang their hearts out and definitely kick started Christmas with a bang. Many thanks to all the support from parents who escorted the children from school and back again and those who came to watch. A particularly big thank you to Mrs Goddard-Tate for her expertise every week in the choir club. We couldn't do it (particularly the harmonies!) without her.

Next public appearance is on **Tuesday 18th December at 1.30pm - Muddle Go Nowhere.**

MATHEMATICS MORNING WITH PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 AND 6

On Thursday morning parents of Years 5 and 6 pupils gathered nervously in the studio; the fear of maths looming in the air and the word 'chunking' being muttered underneath ones breathe! Mr Anderson only added to this despair, when he informed parents they would be sitting a TEST!

However, the morning did not continue with fear and dread, but several lessons in the methods we use to teach children, in Years 5 and 6, the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Starting with a game of bingo to warm up the brains, we then explained and modelled column addition and subtraction, followed by the grid method for multiplication and then the dreaded chunking method for division. It was great to hear that so many parents now felt enabled to support their child with the methods we use in school.

The session ended with exploration of the apps readily available to our pupils on the Ipads as well as a few brain challenges, where the taught methods could be explored further.

The morning appeared to be a great success and I now look forward to delivering several more throughout the school.

Thank you to all the parents who supported this workshop and please keep your eyes peeled for future math workshop dates.

Mrs Evans



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Next week will be the last week for all Clubs either during the day or after school. As soon as we return after the Christmas holiday, we will inform you of new clubs which will be offered to your children.

FOOD4THOUGHT - NEWS

Here at Food 4 Thought, we're set for a bumper end to the term, as we get ready for our biggest themed lunch of the year, Christmas Dinner. Whilst there are few children who have yet to eat a school meal since the grand opening of the kitchen back in September, there is no better time to introduce your children to the school meal experience. The dining room will be decorated, the kitchen team will be in costume, Christmas songs will play out whilst crackers bang, and the food, as always, will be absolutely delicious. We are confident that we will see the highest take up of school meals to date, and to see each and every child included in the Christmas meal experience is our ultimate goal.

Diary Dates

Break up Friday 21st December

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

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