



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Term 3 and a Happy New Year to you all! We hope you enjoyed a peaceful and happy holiday. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Giles (nee Miss Elsom) on her recent wedding. We wish Mrs Giles and her husband the very best.

Thank you for the questions regarding the consultation for Academy status and I can report that the governors, as a consequence of the consultation, are moving to the next phase with the process.

ACADEMY STATUS

Firstly, can I wish you a very happy New Year, and thank you for your continued interest in the steps we are taking at school to enable us to strive to provide the very best educational experiences for your child or children.

You will be aware that prior to Christmas we held a consultation to consider the possibility of Huntingtower School converting to an Academy.

I am taking this opportunity to advise you that following the consultation, the governors met to consider the responses received which were very positive. As a consequence, the governors have passed a resolution to apply for an Academy Order. This is an application which advises the Department for Education that we are considering transfer, and therefore formalises the current process. It still does not commit us to becoming an academy, but opens up additional opportunities for us to discuss further the pros and cons for our school to enable a final decision to be reached, and allows for legal documentation to be drafted for consideration.

I will of course keep you fully updated, and welcome any questions you may have at any point during the process.

Diane Coleman
Chair of Governors

SWIMMING AT THE LEISURE CENTRE

Our Year 5 children will be participating in

swimming for Terms 3 and 4. Those children who are swimming already know and will start next Tuesday. Please can you make sure your child is at the pool for 8.50am.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Letters are coming out shortly and confirmation of starting dates too. Please keep an eye out for the fabulous clubs our staff are offering.

WALL HANGING - HALL

Those of you who came to our Celebration Assembly this morning will have seen this wonderfully designed and crafted wall hanging. We commissioned Sue Rowlands to undertake the work and our PTFA have paid for the hanging. A huge thank you goes to our PTFA. Check out our website for a picture.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND EMERGENCY CLOSURES

During the winter months, for the most up-to-date weather reports, including details on school closures, please tune in to

Lincs FM 102.2 (in Grantham on 96.7FM) and

BBC Radio Lincolnshire 94.9 and 104.7FM

or online www.lincsfm.co.uk/

www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire.

Also view our website www.huntingtowerschool.co.uk
or Twitter@huntingtower

Please note that we shall always endeavour to remain open wherever possible for everyone's convenience.

ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2013 PRIMARY APPLICATION PACKS

Primary Application packs for 2013 entry are available from the School Office. **The closing date for applications is next Monday 14th January 2013, and it is imperative you apply for a place before that date.**

CURRICULUM LETTERS

All children will now have received their class curriculum letter. This details topics and activities which will take place during Terms 3 and 4. Copies are also put on our school website.

INSPIRE+ AND OLYMPIC SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

Inspire+ (Charity No. 1144507)

"Working together for Young People"

2012 was an exceptional year of sporting success and now Inspire+ want to continue the legacy and relight the Olympic buzz! Our Olympic Camp is a chance for you to try a range of Olympic and Paralympic sports for all abilities.

Come and see if you're the next Jess Ennis or Mo Farah!!

Camp Details:

Venue: Belton Lane Primary School
Age: 6-11 years old
Time: From 8:30am till 5:30pm
Dates: Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th February 2013

To book please fill in the application form, available from our School Office, and return with payment to:

Inspire Plus,
Belton Lane Primary School
Green Lane, Grantham, NG31 9PP

Discounted rates apply if payment received by 30th January.

For more information please contact Inspire+ on:

Tel: 01476 578137

E-mail: office.inspireplus@gmail.com

FREE ADULT COURSES AT YOUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE – FOR PARENTS

22nd January – Intro to Jewellery making
Swingbridge Children's Centre 10am-12pm
29th January – Adult Cooking Classes (4 Weeks)
Swingbridge Children's Centre 11.30am-1pm
5th February – Shabby Chic Wreaths
Belton Lane Children's Centre 10am-12pm
11th February – Intro to Nail Care
Swingbridge Children's Centre 1pm-3pm
15th February – General First Aid (Accredited)
Belton Lane Children's Centre 9am-4.30pm
12th March – Easter Bunting
Swingbridge Children's Centre 10am-12pm
4th June – Steps to 4th June – Steps to Work Programme
Belton Lane Children's Centre 10am-12pm

On-going courses

Level 1 Retail Knowledge

Level 2 Functional Skills Maths (Belton Lane)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR
PLACE PLEASE CONTACT KRYSTAL LAMIN YOUR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER -
07713307936 OR 01476 590034**

Swingbridge Children's Centre	Belton Lane Children's Centre
Trent Road	Green Lane
Grantham	Grantham
NG31 7XQ	NG31 9PP
01476 590034	01476 584640

Diary Dates

Term 3

Teacher/Staff Training Monday 7th January 2013

Term Begins Tuesday 8th January

Family Bingo Friday 8th February (provisional)

Term Ends Friday 15th February

Term 4

Term Begins Monday 25th February

Class Photographs Wednesday 20th March

Parents' Evenings (March - date to be confirmed)

Term Ends Thursday 28th March

Term 5

Term Begins Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May

Y6 SATS Monday 13th - 17th May

Y3, Y4, Y5 SATS (date to be confirmed)

Term Ends Friday 24th May

Term 6

Term Begins Monday 3rd June

PTFA Summer Fayre Saturday 6th July

End of Year Reports to Parents Friday 12th July

Term Ends Tuesday 23rd July