



ISSUE 62

# Tower Times



*Reach for the Moon*  
Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Parents / Carers

For many years, this term has been called spring term!! Not sure we are seeing anything of spring but it is always nice to see a dusting of snow. Please make sure you check our website, Twitter, Facebook and local radio stations for closure details. However, we will endeavour to stay open wherever possible!

There is a buzz of excitement around the themes that children are studying in school this term. We may well be calling on you to help us out with some very interesting jobs! Can you build an Anderson shelter? Interested in tending the grounds? Want to know how to help your children with their maths? Watch this space for more details.

## WANTED!

Does anyone have a rabbit hutch which they would be willing to donate to school? It should be in good condition, weather proof and even better if it comes with an outdoor run. For our Bunny Club a rabbit comes along to school on various occasions and we need an outside hutch for him to go into during the day. Thank you.

## LAST WEEK'S TOWER TIMES - Correction

Under the Severe Weather Conditions and Emergency Closures heading our school website should have read:

[www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk](http://www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk) and not huntingtowerschool. Apologies for this error and thanks to Mrs North for being so eagle eyed!

## LETTERS TO PARENTS

Just to let you know that from now on all our letters to parents will be put on our school website: [www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk](http://www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk) Parents' Zone/General Letters/Letters Term 3

## HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS AND MONEY

As Food4Thought (our hot lunch providers) are dealing with the administration of lunches, please return your order forms with cheque (made payable to Food4Thought) or correct cash to your child's class teacher. They should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, total amount paid and state days which your child is having lunch. These are

then passed directly through to the kitchen.  
*Thank you.*

## RESPONDERS TO WARMTH

Do you live in Lincolnshire?

Require assistance to keep warm?

Responders to Warmth may be able to assist with:

- Heating
- Insulation
- Impartial advice

Contact details: 0845 606 4566 / [www.responderstowarmth.co.uk](http://www.responderstowarmth.co.uk) Posters are displayed near the School Office and also on our website.

## FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE OUR CAR PARK

As I am sure you will have noticed, new yellow markings have been applied in our car park. Our intention is to make the car park as safe as possible. We



ask that children with parents walk along the footpath

near the electricity sub-station and not walk in the car park entering/exiting where cars drive in. Please try to stay to the marked areas and footpaths. As drivers, can we ask that you do not park in the yellow marked areas. Thank you.

## HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

The school supports the view that every lesson counts and discourages parents from taking holidays in term time. However, there may be circumstances when this is unavoidable.

The Head Teacher may authorise holidays in term time if:

- Leave of absence from education forms are received at least 4 weeks prior to the proposed holiday
- The proposed holiday is for no longer than 10 school days
- The child has not already had 10 days holiday during that academic year.

The Head Teacher will not authorise holidays in term time:

- During Year 2 and Year 6 SATs testing
- Any holiday application for a child with less than 95% for the previous 12 months attendance for whatever reason
- Holiday requested on the last day of term for the first week of the following term will not be authorised (except in exceptional circumstances).

See our policy for complete details on our website.

## ATTENDANCE

Last week each class received a letter stating their attendance percentage and encouraging each and every child to attend school every day. The National average is 96%, we were 94% last year and this year our aim is for 96%. Attendance Award Cups were today presented to KS1 - Class Meerkats 97.40% and KS2 - Class Gazelles 100%. Well done children!



## Diary Dates

*Family Bingo* Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

*Term Ends* Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

### Term 4

*Term Begins* Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

*Class Photographs* Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

*Parents' Evenings* (March - date to be confirmed)

*Term Ends* Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Term 5

*Term Begins* Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

*Bank Holiday* - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

*Y6 SATS* Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

*Term Ends* Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

*Term Begins* Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

*PTFA Summer Fayre* Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

*End of Year Reports to Parents* Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

*Term Ends* Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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