



Dear Parents / Carers

Winter has finally arrived! What a fantastic time we had at the beginning of the week, such fun! As outlined before, the school will endeavour to remain open and staff are committed to getting to school where possible. Please can you be aware that it is important your child comes to school too. We appreciate it may be difficult, and you could be late, but your child's learning is really important. I am sure those who did get in will tell you how the curriculum was changed and the fun we had. Unfortunately, if your child does not attend school on this day the likelihood is their absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Have a great weekend - How about sending us your photos of your snowmen?

RABBIT HUTCH

Thank you so much to Mrs Shelford for arranging and paying for a rabbit hutch for school. We will certainly now have a very happy bunny! Thanks also go to those who offered. We could have had so many bunnies....and may still!!



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.

WARNING! STAY SAFE AWAY FROM FROZEN CANALS/RIVERS/LAKES

You may recall last year we had a couple of super heroes who we would have preferred not to need! They 'fished out' a boy who had been messing about on the canal. Playing near or on frozen ice on canals/rivers/lakes is very tempting but extremely dangerous. Please talk to your child and explain the dangers. Some children, not from this school, were last night seen playing on the canal. Thank you.

BEING PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER

Many of us worry about getting out and about in the snow and forget sometimes that humans have adapted and been doing it for many millions of years. There are lots of tips out there to ensure we are prepared. Check out the Met Office advice: <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/get-ready-for-winter>

There are lots of little gadgets out there to help you trudge through the snow and the forecasts are pretty reliable. Sometimes just getting up that little bit earlier ensures you and your child gets to school and miss none of the fun!



HEADLICE

Our old friend the head louse is never far away and there have been several occurrences in school recently. Huntingtower is not unique - all schools throughout the country have a similar problem.



The onus is on parents to check children's hair daily - look for small grey insects in the hair or their eggs (nits) that are white and usually stuck to hairs.

A special comb can be used that clears the problem. If the problem persists there are a number of special shampoos available. Combs and shampoos can be purchased at most chemist shops. Girls with long hair should always wear it tied up.

If all parents are vigilant the problem will soon disappear.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented to KS1 - Class Leopards 99.57% and KS2 - Class Lemurs 99.09%. Well done children!

Key Stage 1

- 3rd - Koalas 93%
- 2nd - Meerkats 96.67%
- 1st - **Leopards 99.57%**

Key Stage 2

- 3rd - Lions 96.25%
- 2nd - Gazelles 99.03%
- 1st - **Lemurs 99.09%**

Overall - 95.20%



HIGHWAY DEFECTS AND GENERAL ENQUIRIES - LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/transport-travel-and-roads/highway-maintenance/report-highway-defects-and-general-enquiries/41433.article>

We are encouraging parents to report the potholes in nearby roads. If you could contact the council and report it we may get a better response. Also, it might be worth you asking if the roads could be gritted.

PTFA - FAMILY BINGO - Friday 8th February
Flyers will be going out today. You are all welcome to come into the hall immediately after school, but the Bingo will actually start at 3.30pm.

Diary Dates

PTFA Meeting Wednesday 6th February 9am

Family Bingo Friday 8th February 3.30pm

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

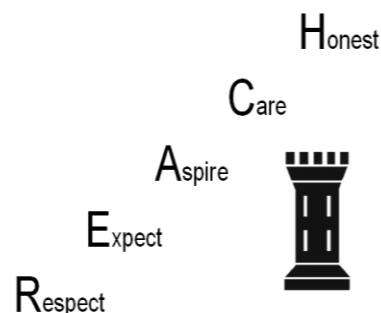
Term 6

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



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