



Reach for the Moon
Week Commencing 4th February 2013



Dear Parents / Carers

What an absolute privilege to be able to see Korky Paul in person and learn about his work. He was incredibly charming and made the effort to sign everyone's book who asked. Tonight is *FUN FAMILY BINGO* - Please come along today (Friday) after school to join in this fun fundraising event and play bingo with your child/children.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) next Tuesday. I like mine with lemon and sugar if anyone is interested!!!! Then, on Friday, 15th February we break up for half term, returning to school on Monday 25th February. Have a good weekend.

SWIMARATHON - Friday 1st February



Last Friday, 36 people took part in the Rotary Swimarathon at the Leisure Centre. We raised about £800 and swam over 700 lengths! It must have been an amazing feeling for the people who soaked up all the atmosphere. Not only that, a team of 5 children and Mr Anderson (aka Head Teacher) broke the record by swimming a whopping 162 lengths! A fantastic achievement, well done to everyone who took part.

KORKY PAUL - Illustrator

On Thursday, 7th February, the imaginative illustrator Korky Paul came to inspire and engage the children (and adults!) of Huntingtower School. Armed with paints, pens and a projector, he showed the children his unimitable style of drawing and entertained us with his stories. Each year group now has their very own piece of art to remember the day by. So many children came away with the need to express themselves and produced some fabulous pieces of art. He looked through the many entries of the new hat for Winnie the

Witch and picked a winner from each key stage and each child received a book of their choosing as a prize. Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children's enthusiasm for Korky's books and purchased some at the end of the day. He was here so long signing everyone's books, he nearly missed his train! I know I am particularly happy with my Winnie the Witch picture he drew in the book I bought and it will be something I will treasure for a very long time. Let's hope he has inspired some future illustrators in our children.....and they come back to share their talent with us again.



PTFA - FAMILY BINGO - Friday 8th February

Please come along after school today to our fun FAMILY BINGO! You are all welcome to come into the hall immediately after school, but the Bingo will actually start at 3.30pm.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB - Apologies!

The Club in school is every other week, so the next session will be on Wednesday 13th February.

THE BEACON CLUB

The children in the Beacon Club had a special visitor this week. A paramedic from East Midlands ambulance service came in to talk to the children about what to do in an emergency and the children were shown basic first aid skills. It was great fun watching Miss Chamberlain having her head bandaged and practicing the recovery position on Mrs Wood!



YEAR 6 SATS EVENING

We will be holding a Year 6 SATS information evening for parents on Thursday 28th February (further details to follow).

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is up on last week but still not hitting our target. Attendance Award Cups were today presented to:

KS1 - Class Tigers 96.80%
and
KS2 - Class Zebras 98.86%
Well done children!

Key Stage 1

3rd - Koalas 92%
2nd - Leopards 95.65%
1st - Tigers 96.80%

Key Stage 2

3rd - lions 97.19%
2nd - Gazelles 97.42%
1st - Zebras 98.86%

Overall - 95%

NON-UNIFORM DAY TO LAUNCH THE INSPIRE+ - Friday 15th February

To launch our Olympic Legacy challenge (see this website for more details: <http://inspireplus.org.uk>) we will have a sporting hero non-uniform day. We are not asking for any donation but just for your child to come dressed in clothes to represent their sporting hero. This will take place on the last day of term, Friday 15th February.



Diary Dates

Family Bingo Friday 8th February 3.30pm
Term Ends Friday 15th February

Term 4

Term Begins Monday 25th February
Year 6 SATS Information Evening Thursday 28th February
Parents' Evenings Thursday 14th and Tuesday 19th March
Class Photographs Thursday 21st March
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