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# Tower Times

*Reach for the Moon*

Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013



Dear Parents / Carers

Another term where I say how incredibly proud I am to be Head Teacher at Huntingtower. So many things taking place. A number of sporting achievements which have been organised and supported by Mrs Bensley, so thanks to her once again. Continued thanks to parents, staff, pupils and friends for supporting Newton raise so much money. Most thanks, of course, to Mrs Sheehy and Mrs Hudson!

Children break up today, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, and we all return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April (Term 5). Enjoy the holiday and remember clocks go forward an hour this Sunday morning at 1am - British Summer Time begins!

## SWIMMING GALA

On Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, a group of strong swimmers, ranging from Year 3 to Year 6, went to the Mere's Leisure Centre to take part in the 2013 Swimming Gala. There were 20 races and there was a child from Huntingtower in every race. We came 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of the 8 schools taking part, so to everyone who went **WELL DONE!!** By Sheena - Class Lions

## KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS

Last Friday afternoon saw 4 children from Year 2 take part in their first schools gymnastic competition. They all performed incredibly well, each earning 2 star badges. After school, the Year 3/4 children went along for their event. Again they did a fantastic job. As a team they achieved 3rd place. We are extremely proud of how well all the children did.

Also thanks go to Elle and Jess who were supportive coaches during the event.



## NEWTON THE BUNNY BRAVES IT AGAIN!



A number of brave children, staff and parents toughed it out on the streets of Grantham last Sunday. They were doing it to raise money for the Grantham Deaf Children's Society, Grantham Foodbank and the school.

Temperatures never got above freezing but that didn't throw ice onto their spirits. Newton danced and jiggled around the streets as the kind residents dug into their pockets to give to worthy causes. £230 raised last Sunday night with £1200 coming from sponsorship. Last year nearly £3,000 was raised and then donated to local charities. It helped the school put markings on its new playground and buy a shelter.

We have already had generous donations from local businesses, which have sponsored the float supplied by Speedy Hire. Special thanks to them and Michael Bensley. We would like to thank the following for their wonderful support.

Robert Holland Funeral Directors  
 Central Motors  
 Trade Carpets  
 Sam Ballaam Motors  
 R & N Windows  
 Costcutters  
 Food 4 Thought  
 Kevin G Bellamy Roofing and Building  
 Maintenance Services Ltd  
 Can Cabs  
 A1 Perfect Plumbing  
 Gonerby Moor Property and Garden Services  
 East Midlands Sound and Lighting

**Newton will be in the Morrison's Shopping Centre tomorrow, Friday.**

### RAF "FLY" IN TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

Members of the University Air Squadron dropped into Huntingtower to help us out. It was part of the Easter flight training camp held at Cranwell each year. Unfortunately, they were grounded and unable to fly but were able to do some much-needed work for the school.

Organised by Flight Lieutenant Chris Haywood, the team helped Mr MacKinnon construct a handrail for our ramped access to Key Stage 1. This ensures a greater degree of safety for children and disabled people. We are extremely grateful for their support and I am sure you will join us in extending our thanks to them.



### KEY STAGE 2 (Year 6) SATs TESTS

Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May

### KEY STAGE 1 TESTS

**Year 2 SATs** - last week of May, first 3 weeks of Term 6

**Year 1** - week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June

*Please ensure your child is in school during these important times.*



If you have a QR reader, check this out!

### BEACON CLUB

The children and adults from the Beacon Club enjoyed an afternoon at Ten Pin last Friday. After a slow start and a few stray bowls everyone had a smashing time. This was a fantastic way to celebrate the club's success.



### OUR ENDEAVOUR AWARDS

**March 2013**

Koalas - Kyra Kay

Kangaroos - Kieran Chapman

Giraffes - Maciej Kudla

Leopards - Lewis Herbert

Meerkats - Kevin Zerbecki

Tigers - Toby Cox

Lemurs - Amelia Jappy

Panthers - James Carlin

Rhinos - Dovydas Dusevicius

Gazelles - Sammy Creasey

Lions - Taleecha Hunt

Zebras - Dylan Smith

*Certificates were today presented to all the above children.*

*KS1 trophy was presented to Toby Cox*

*KS2 trophy was presented to*

*Taleecha Hunt*

*Well done to you all!*

### ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance percentage for Terms 3 and 4 (Spring Term) is only 94.82%. This is disappointing and below where we want to be. We need to improve upon this for Terms 5 and 6.

### Diary Dates:

#### 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

*Ragtex Textile Collection* Wednesday 15<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

