



HUNTINGTOWER A PRIORY ACADEMY

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As September reaches its close, the academy is now in full swing. The year is full of possibilities and we encourage our pupils to contribute fully to our community. This week, the local district council have kindly lent us a polling station for us to complete our Tower Captain and Academy Councillor elections. Please see the video for our new elected Tower Captains and we will let you know about our Academy Councillors next week.

There is another opportunity for our pupils and their families to contribute to our community next week. On Tuesday 1st October, we will be having our special Harvest Assembly. Yet again, we are asking for donations to our Local Foodbank. A list of required items has been distributed via Parent Hub and the list can also be seen within the Tower Times. The Foodbank continues to be very grateful of the academy's contributions.

FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTOWER

The Friends of Huntingtower met and held their AGM on Tuesday, 17th September. They welcomed new members and discussed their fundraising successes. They also discussed some of the increasingly difficult challenges they have faced over recent years. When it came to elect roles and responsibilities, they were unable to fill any of the roles as many of the committee members found the demands too much as volunteers. Unfortunately, this has led to a vote to dissolve the Friends of Huntingtower as an association.

This is extremely sad news but its eventuality is understandable. We have many wonderful volunteers who give up their time freely to prepare and support events that have taken place beyond the school day. This has been evident in the Summer and Winter Fayres as well as many other events supported by the Friends. The administrative requirements needed to run a charitable organisation have increased in recent years and this has led to the decline in committee members. The Academy would like to thank everyone who has been part of the Friends over the years and would hope that they will want to continue their association with the academy.

The closing of the association will now take place over the coming weeks. Many of the Friends wish to remain as volunteers for any future events that the Academy hosts. Whilst it will not be possible to hold the Halloween Disco this year, the Winter Fayre will still run and the staff will be talking with the children about future events that they might like to plan for, with the help of the volunteers, to raise money for both the academy and charity. If you feel that you would also like to volunteer at one of these events, please pop to see the admin team to let them know.

NETBALL

A newly formed netball team accompanied myself and Mrs Cann to Ruskin Academy for the start of the Winter Netball league and what a fab time we had! We had two matches, with the first one against Allington. The team played very well, with finding space on the court and we had some excellent shooting from Seth, Mason, Isla and Molly and fantastic defending from Felicity and Gabriela. We won this game 9-0 and this helped to settle any first game nerves. With High 5 Netball, the players have to rotate into positions that perhaps are less favorable to them. Using this rotation, we had a trickier game against St Mary's, however we found a terrific shooter in Emma, who scored 3 goals! We drew the game 4-4. We are very proud of these players, who persevered when perhaps they weren't sure about certain areas of the game. They all just need to stop disco dancing and keep their feet still! Well done team. Mrs White

ATTENDANCE DATA

Here is the attendance data for week ending 20th September :-
KS1 –Tigers 99%
KS2 – Rhinos 98%
Overall attendance was 96% which is lower than the previous week.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October. Letters have been sent home. **Please ensure replies are back with us by Monday 30th September.**

During both evenings, there will be the Uniform Pop Up Shop for you to buy uniform from the suppliers, if you wish.

SATs TESTING FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

These tests will be administered week commencing **Monday 11th May**. Please avoid any time out of school during this week, as it is imperative your child is in school to take these tests.

ADDITIONAL TEST DATES

**Year 2 – during May 2020
(usually same week as Y6)**

**KS1 – Phonics screening check week –
Monday 8th June 2020**

X-COUNTRY

Our last trip to the Meres to compete in the year 5/6 X country and the children have done another fantastic job! They sure did run their hearts out and we are so proud of them all. It was the same distance they had to run and while the girls ran the boys were really supportive and cheering them all and it was the same while the boys ran, the girls were encouraging the boys to the finish line, even given each other 'high fives'. Most of the children even beat their scores from last week.

We all now wait for the overall results where the leaders will collect the children's best two scores from the three races to give them overall score. What ever the results the children were brilliant. Well done Mrs Duxbury-Mead



Roll of Honour
KS1

Week Ending
27.9.19

Meerkats

Jessica

Tia-May

Adam

Emma

Pandas

Oliver

Jasper

Zita

Hope

Tigers

Alexander D

Max

Dolcie-Rai

Megan

Wombats

Maddie

Greta

Cody-James

Jacob



HARVEST SHORTAGES

Steamed puddings or custard

Tinned meat or fish

Cereals & UHT long-life milk

Squash any flavour

Tea/coffee/sugar

Brown or tomato sauces

Meal based sauces or sachets

Rice or pasta

Cereals

Help us to restore dignity, revive hope and rebuild local community.

Brian Hanbury on 0781 6872561 or go to www.granthamfoodbank.org.uk

MUSIC TUITION

There are vacancies available for violin, guitar and piano lessons. If you are interested in reserving a place for your child, please contact the school office for further information, including costings, etc.



SINGING LESSONS

We are now able to offer singing lessons within school. If your child is interested, please come along to the office to ask for further information.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS/E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please ensure you let us know if you change your mobile phone number, landline number and/or email address. Also, if you have given additional contact numbers, please ensure that these are still accurate.

It is imperative that we are able to contact parents/carers or the emergency contact numbers during the school day.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

From September 2019 our new logo appeared on our school uniform. Please note uniform **CAN NO LONGER BE PURCHASED FROM THE ACADEMY OFFICE.** It can be ordered on-line from Uniform Direct or purchased from one of the many pop-up shops which will take place at school events.

Water Bottles can still be purchased from the office.

Can parents/carers please ensure all uniform is clearly named.

DATES FOR 2019/2020

Term 1

Training Days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – Friday 18th October 2019

Term 2

Monday 28th October 2019 – Thursday 19th December 2019

Training Day Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3

Training Day Monday 6th January 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4

Monday 24th February 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Monday 20th April 2020 – Friday 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2020 – Friday 17th July 2020

Calendar Dates

TERM 1

Saturday 21st September - 11+ Non-Verbal Test

W/c 23rd September – After School Clubs will commence

Thursday 26th September – School Photographer

Tuesday 1st October Harvest Festival Assembly

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October Parents' Evening 6pm – 7.30pm

Friday 11th October – Y6 Bikeability

Friday 18th October End of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 28th October Term 2 Starts

Tuesday 12th November - 2020 Intake Evening

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day

Tuesday 19th November - Flu Vaccines (pupils in R through to Y6)

Friday 13th December – Pantomime

Monday 16th December – KS2 Xmas Party and Lunch

Tuesday 17th December – EYs and KS1 Xmas Party and Lunch

Wednesday 18th December – Endeavour Assembly

Thursday 19th December – Carol Service

Thursday 19th December End of Term 2

Friday 20th December – Staff Training Day