



# HUNTINGTOWER A PRIORY ACADEMY

## Tower Times

**ISSUE 310**

**Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

It has been another busy week at the Academy. Last week, the children in Year 1 to Year 6 all exercised their democratic rights and voted for both their Tower Captains and Academy Councillors. In addition to this, our Year 5 and 6 pupils have had courage in their beliefs and put themselves forward for the additional roles of Reading Buddies, Sports Ambassadors and Mini-Police. Please see the video to find out who has taken on these new roles. The children cannot wait to begin and are keen to contribute to the community that is the academy.

A huge well done goes to our Year 4 classes who presented their Harvest Assembly on Tuesday. They thought hard about the messages behind why Harvest is celebrated and spoke well and clearly for all to hear. Thanks goes to everyone who contributed food items for celebrating this event. Again, the academy chose to support the local Food Bank as we know that this charity is very important in our local community.

Don't forget that next week is an opportunity for you to come and meet with your child's teacher to find out how they have settled at Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 8th October and Wednesday, 9th October (3.30-6.30pm). During this time, there will be an opportunity to visit the pop-up Uniform Shop (located in the library) as well as the Book Fair (in the Studio). We look forward to seeing you.

### **World Mental Health Day – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October**

At the Academy as well as the Trust, we recognize how important it is to be well in mind, body and spirit. With this in mind, we have decided to celebrate World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is not a fundraising event and all we ask is that your child wears something small that is yellow with their school uniform. This could be yellow socks, a ribbon, hair band, wrist band/bracelet or badge. These are just a few suggestions for what is possible.

**Please note uniform should be worn on this day.**



### **A Plea from Concerned Parents**

May we please remind all parents and carers, that although the school gates open at 8.40am, the children are your responsibility until the classroom doors open from 8.50am. In order to ensure the wellbeing of all our pupils, can we ask that you remain with your child until 8.50am and please do not allow your child to run in and out of the school gates.

## Roll of Honour KS2

### Week Ending 4.10.19

#### Zebbras

Mackenzie  
Rhys  
Dorothy  
Max

#### Wolves

Trixie  
Alexi  
Ellie-May  
Tommy

#### Lions

Sanija  
Ellie  
Fabian  
George

#### Gazelles

Elizabeth  
Emma  
Harry  
Aidan

#### Rhinos

Evie-Rose  
Harry  
William  
Alyx

#### Panthers

Kyle  
Leisha  
Belle  
Udip

#### Lemurs

Sarah  
Archie  
Ruby  
Ivy

#### Leopards

Sophie  
Caiden  
Jack  
Gracie-Mae



Thank you to all those parents/carers who contributed to our harvest festival celebration. All donations were given to the Food Bank – who support local individuals and families and provide them with a short-term supply of food. Your continued support is much appreciated.

A poster for an Open Evening event. At the top is a photograph of a young boy with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue school sweater over a light blue collared shirt, smiling and sitting at a desk with a yellow pencil holder and several pencils. Below the photo is a blue silhouette of a castle tower. To the right of the tower, the text "HUNTINGTOWER A PRIORY ACADEMY" is written in white, uppercase letters. Below this, "OPEN EVENING" is written in large, light blue, uppercase letters. Underneath that, "Tuesday 12th November 2019 • 6pm-7pm" is written in white. A tagline in white text reads: "Creating a happy, stimulating environment, which encourages all of our pupils to develop to their full potential". At the bottom, contact information is listed in white: "HUNTINGTOWER RD, GRANTHAM, NG31 7AU", "T: 01476 564291 E: enquiries@huntingtowerroad.lincs.sch.uk", and "www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk" with a Twitter icon and "@Huntingtower".

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#### ATTENDANCE DATA

Here is the attendance data for last week:-  
KS1 –Wombats 98%  
KS2 – Leopards, Lemurs, Lions & Gazelles 98%  
Overall attendance was 95% which is lower  
than the previous week.

### 2019-20 Tower Captains:

Our Newly Elected Captains are:-

Crane- Owen & Daisy  
Dragon – Dharaj & Trixie  
Eiffel – Seth & Katy-Leigh  
Galata – Max & Lily-Mai

Mrs Dewhurst is looking forward to working with them in their leadership role.

### 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.**

### Ryman Vouchers for Classrooms!

We are collecting Ryman's Vouchers.

Running until 21st September, **for every £5 you spend** in a Ryman store, **you will receive a voucher for 50p**. The more you spend, the more vouchers you will receive!  
Please hand any vouchers you may collect into school.  
Many thanks!

### **SATs TESTING FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN**

These tests will be administered week commencing **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### 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.**

### LEICESTER TIGERS SCHOOL OFFER

We have some information in the academy office offering special prices to experience the excitement of watching a live rugby match in Leicester.

Please ask at the office for further details.

### 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.

## DATES FOR 2019/2020

### **Term 1**

Training Days Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### **Term 2**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Training Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **Term 3**

Training Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Term 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

### **Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

### **Term 6**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Please meet our new year 5 Young Ambassadors. These five children were chosen after a very hard decision where we had to choose 5 children from 17 candidates for the job.

Their first task was to go on their first learning course and learn about what they will be expecting to do as a YA to help and how they can support/lead sports at Huntingtower.

I have no doubt these children are going to do a super job, helping the children during PE lessons, delivering their own club as well as joining up with our year 6 YA and plan and deliver a multi skills festival for the school.

Exciting times ahead and they can't wait to get started!

Mrs Duxbury-Mead



## Calendar Dates

### **TERM 1**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening 6 – 7pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening 6 – 7pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Mental Health Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 Bikeability Wolves

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 Bikeability Zebras

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October End of Term 1**

### **TERM 2**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October Term 2 Starts**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 2020 Intake Evening

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccines (pupils in R through to Y6)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Xmas Party and Lunch

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – EYs and KS1 Xmas Party and Lunch

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Endeavour Assembly

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December End of Term 2**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Training Day