



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 17th June 2013

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Dear Parents / Carers

A brief spell of summer ensured we were able to welcome our little Headstart guests. Thanks to Miss Duxbury and Mrs Bensley for organising it. Please remember to keep a keen eye on the diary dates to ensure you are fully aware of what is happening in this busy term.

LUNCH ON THE TOP TABLE!

We welcomed 3 Dads into school last Friday to enjoy a hot lunch with their children. This was a special invitation to celebrate Father's Day.

Tickets are still available from Mrs Kightley but need to be purchased by Tuesday

ST WULFRAM'S SPIRE APPEAL

'Inspiring Grantham'

A Celebration of Grantham's Young Talent

Wednesday 26th June 2013

and Thursday 27th June 2013

at St Wulfram's Church

6.30pm

Tickets from Helen's Flowers

Tel: 01476 561160

ADULTS: £5.00

CHILDREN: £2.50

19 schools will be taking part
(26th - 9 schools / 27th - 10 schools)

This will be a fabulous fund raising event to
raise money for

St Wulfram's Spire Appeal.

***Huntingtower Academy will be performing on
Thursday 27th June.***

SUMMER CAMP - INSPIRE+

Try Olympic and Paralympic Sports

to be held at Huntingtower Primary Academy

on 24th, 25th and 26 July and again on

19th, 20, 21st, 22nd and 23rd August

As pupils of Huntingtower Primary Academy you
receive an exclusive discount on all bookings.

Cost £10 per child, per day.

Closing date for bookings is the 5th July 2013.

To request booking forms or for more
information please contact Inspire+ on:

E-mail: chris.inspireplus@gmail.com

GOLDEN FRUIT CHALLENGE

Here are the results for week ending 14th

June! Remember, our aim is to promote
healthy eating and an understanding of the
importance of a good diet.

Week 2

Key Stage 1:

1st: Tigers: 103 pieces of fruit eaten

2nd: Giraffes: 74 pieces of fruit eaten

3rd: Leopards: 53 pieces of fruit eaten

Key Stage 2:

1st: Zebras: 105 pieces of fruit eaten

2nd: Lemurs: 99 pieces of fruit eaten

3rd: Rhinos: 87 pieces of fruit eaten



Congratulations to the winning classes and well
done to everyone who has chosen a
healthier snack!

DRAMA SUMMER SCHOOLS AT WALTON GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Please see attached letter re a Drama Summer
School at Walton. Printed copies are also
available from the school office.



Matilda summer
school.doc

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

We all agree on one thing, school attendance is vital for pupil success. Over the last few years the school attendance figures have been getting increasing slightly better. However, levels of holiday absence have been increasing. It is important you are all aware of what the law states and what our policy is. Below is current guidance from the government and school policy.

Please note that from September 2013 government policy will change and no holidays will be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. "Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted." (<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsup/port/behaviour/attendance/a00223868/regulations-amendments>)

This is information from our current policy:

Q. What happens if my request is not approved?

A. Any time taken off school for the holiday will be deemed unauthorised and marked on your child's records accordingly.

Authorisation **cannot** be given for any requests;

- * if a child's attendance is below 95%
- * during SATs week
- * without giving at least 4 weeks' notice
- * if a period of holiday has already been authorised in the academic year.

Additionally, if your child's attendance level is 85% or below he/she is considered to be a persistent absentee. Recently we have involved the Education Welfare Officer in such cases and prosecutions will follow if there is no improvement.

I hope this helps to clarify the situation for you. It is an area which is vitally important to ensure a good work ethic and the right outcome for your child.

MOVING SCHOOLS

If, for any reason, your child may be moving schools at the end of this academic year, please inform your child's class teacher or the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented as follows:

KS1 - Class Meerkats 96.52%

and

KS2 - Class Rhinos 96.88%

HEADSTART HEAD TO HUNTINGTOWER

It was a pleasure to offer our field to the children of Headstart Nursery for their sports day. Our sports ambassadors had a great time supporting them and it was a huge success. We look forward to greeting those who are coming to Huntingtower in September and wish all the others the very best!



Diary Dates:

Term 6

Choirs and Boys Dance - St Wulfram's Church - 27th June

Moving Up Morning - Tuesday 2nd July

PTFA - Sale of Nearly New Uniform - Tuesday 2nd July

PTFA Summer Fayre - Saturday 6th July

End of Year Reports to Parents - Friday 12th July

Team Sports - Monday 15th July

Races - Friday 19th July - KS2 am / FS and KS1 pm

Picnic - Tuesday 23rd July

Term Ends - Tuesday 23rd July

TERM DATES

Term 1: 5th September - 18th October 2013 (INSET day – school closed to children Friday 27th September)

Term 2: 28th October - 20th December 2013

Term 3: 7th January - 13th February 2014

Term 4: 24th February - 4th April 2014

Term 5: 22nd April - 23rd May 2014

Term 6: 2nd June - 23rd July 2014

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2014

If you have a QR reader, check this out!

