



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 5th September 2013

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school and to the first edition of our Tower Times for the academic year 2013-2014. We hope you had a wonderful summer; the weather has definitely been the best for many years. All the staff are pleased to be back and we again welcome new members of staff, Mrs Helliwell, Mrs Jacklin, Mr Potter and Mrs White. The children are all looking very refreshed and smart in their uniforms. As always, we have planned out the year to cover many exciting and enriching topics - curriculum letters will be coming out shortly. We again encourage you to be fully involved in your child's learning and we thank you in advance for all your support.

CABARET RAISES THE ROOF....AND A LOT OF MONEY!



Once again, our thanks go to Mrs Sheehy and her team from the PTFA for putting on such a fabulous event as reported last year. We are absolutely delighted to announce that the sum of £3403.20 (I am told the 20p makes a big difference!) was raised through tickets sales and the raffle. That is a fantastic amount of money! Our thanks also go to Steve Hynard for arranging to match fund, which is included in the money.

REMINDERS ABOUT PUPIL PREMIUM SERVICES FAMILIES

Did you know that the school receives a Premium of £300 for children of Armed Service Personnel? If your child is eligible, please let us know.

SCHOOL MEALS

The quality of school food has improved dramatically this last year. Research shows that pupils are more likely to concentrate in lessons if they have eaten a nutritionally balanced meal at lunchtime. Go on, give them a go!

Also, if your child is entitled to Free School Meals make sure you apply as the school is entitled to £900! This goes directly to supporting the children in our school who have been in receipt, at some time in the last 6 years, of free school meals. As a consequence of this support in place all of our children will benefit too! For information on how to apply try here:

<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/free-school-meals/>

PUPIL INFORMATION FORMS

This year we have decided **NOT** to send out new forms, but will continue to use the details previously provided to us. It is therefore your responsibility to inform us if any information contained on the forms has changed. If it has, please call into the School Office as soon as possible to have this amended. Similarly, throughout the year, if anything changes, please let us know.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 25th September. On this occasion he will be taking individual and family groups. Parents with pre-school children are asked to be at school for 8.40am for a family group photograph.

INSET Days

Staff training days have taken place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Our next planned training day is on Friday 27th September, so school will be closed to all children.

SUMMER BOOSTER SCHOOL

A huge thank you to all staff who were last week involved in delivering our Summer Booster School to 18 - Year 5 children. The four days consisted of numeracy and literacy during the mornings and in the afternoons the children enjoyed a Drumming Workshop, Archery, Sports Event and Pizza Hut to finish off the week. Well done children, you've made a great start to Year 5/6

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Again I would remind you that no holiday requests will be authorised, unless in exceptional circumstances. The governors have agreed a new policy which is available on our website or from the office. This is in line with current legislation.

I know you all appreciate the importance of good attendance to secure the best outcomes for your children. We look forward to your support.

More information can be found on the [DfE website](#)

HOT LUNCHES

Please always send hot lunch orders and money in a sealed envelope, marked with your child's name, class, amount and days that meals are required.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just to let you know we are awaiting delivery of cardigans size 5-6, sweatshirts 9-10, PE bags and water bottles. These should be with us in the next couple of weeks.

NEW STAFF

Just to remind you of the staffing changes we have had at Huntingtower and how they fit into our Academy

Mrs Lyndsey White - Administrator, first point of call for parents and general enquiries about everything connected with school

Mr Doug Potter - Year 5 teacher

Mrs Emma Jacklin - Teacher generally supporting Key Stage 1 children

Mrs Emma Helliwell - Teacher generally supporting Key Stage 2 children

Diary Dates:

Term 1

Return to school Thursday 5th September

Photographer Wednesday 25th September

INSET - school closed to children Friday 27th September

Break up for half term Friday 18th October

Term 2 starts Monday 28th October

Break up end of Term 2 Friday 20th December

Question of the week

To encourage your child to think and talk about what they are doing at school each week we are going to encourage you to ask them a simple question. This week's question:

What have you done at school related to the letter B this week?

Tweet or Facebook us with some of your responses!