



# Tower Times



*Reach for the Moon*

Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013

## ISSUE 87

Dear Parents / Carers

The Norbert Dentressangle HGV arrived at 7.30am on Monday - the first challenge for the driver was to park in our lower car park - no mean feat! However, all of the children had a really interesting time.

TEACHERS' STRIKE ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER - we will communicate with you immediately we know the impact of this strike. Children will not be in school FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, staff training.

### HOT LUNCH ORDERS AND MONEY

Unfortunately, many parents are still not sending orders and money in a named envelope.

On the front of the envelope please write:

**Name of child:**

**Class:**

**Amount enclosed:**

**Any other relevant information:**

The Kitchen is experiencing extreme difficulty matching money to orders/children.

Connections Foundation football. If you complete the child and parent/guardian details your child will be entered into a prize draw to win a limited edition Sports Connections Foundation football.

### STRANGER DANGER

It has been brought to my attention that there has been speculation regarding incidents that may or may not have taken place recently in Grantham. Taking these things very seriously I have been in touch with police and had this response:

### CHILDREN AND PARENTS COMING INTO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS

As children come into school in the mornings there is inevitably going to be a little congestion outside the class rooms, so can we all please be considerate to others. If your child is in Class Giraffes, Leopards, Koalas or Kangaroos perhaps go round the outside of the building to access those classes. Thank you for your support.

### PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY!

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PROKICK SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Please return the sponsorship form on **Monday**. Any child who raises over £25 will automatically receive a limited edition Sports

"Police are asking parents to remind their children of stranger danger issues after an incident in Grantham. This incident took place at around 3:40pm 11/09/13 on Trent Road, Grantham. A boy, who was walking home from school, was chased down the road by a man. No contact took place and the child went home unharmed. The man was described as around 5ft 9in tall, wearing a black jacket with the hood up, dark tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. There is an increased police presence in the area and parents are being asked not to panic, but to give their children common sense advice about not talking to strangers and telling an adult if they feel threatened in any way"

We frequently talk to the children about how they deal with strangers and I have asked staff to reiterate this with them again today.

I trust this goes some way to clarify the situation and if you need further advice there is plenty available. Here is a link to some good advice from the NSPCC ([http://www.nspcc.org.uk/help-and-advice/for-parents-and-carers/guides-for-parents/out-alone/out-alone-pdf\\_wdf90724.pdf](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/help-and-advice/for-parents-and-carers/guides-for-parents/out-alone/out-alone-pdf_wdf90724.pdf)). Another useful support centre is Family Lives ([Family Lives - Listening, supportive and non-](#)

[judgemental](#)). Remember, we all meet strangers every day and the vast majority of them are fine.

## DRINKS AT LUNCHTIME

It appears there may have been some confusion about taking drinks into the hall at lunchtimes. We hope to be able to clarify the situation. We provide every child who has a school lunch with water or milk. They can have as much water as they like but the milk is limited. Children are permitted to take drinks into the hall but they must be small bottles/containers such as Fruit Shoots or small disposable cartons that come with straws. As you can appreciate, the lunch hall is very busy and we aim to keep it a safe place. When large sports bottles (such as the ones we provide) are taken into the hall there have been accidents with the bottles causing the children to lose grip of the tray.

We hope this helps and look forward to your support with it.

## MORRISONS VOUCHERS

It's that time of year again!

Morrisons are dishing out the school gardening vouchers. Last year we collected enough to get some raised beds for the children to grow vegetables, children sized gardening tools and gloves. We had a great time in gardening club last year and are looking forward to another successful growing season.

Every voucher counts so please start collecting.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented as follows:

KS1 - Class Koalas and Kangaroos (joint 1<sup>st</sup>)  
100%

and

KS2 - Class Lions 99.37%

Overall attendance 98.09%

A really positive start to this new academic year.

## NORBERT DENTRESSANGLE HGV

On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 saw an articulated truck. We had to wear a safety jacket. We found out where the blind spots were. The weight of a truck is the same as eight elephant's, which is 44 tones in total. Then we went into the cab at the front we even got to sit in the driver's seat. Finally we got to go in the trailer. We sat on a mat (the floor was freezing) we found out some more facts about the truck and the company the trailer was the size of a Humpback Whale.

**Freddie Shelford and Grace Matthews**



## TOWER CAPTAINS

This week our Tower Captains have been elected:

Crane - Harley Carter and Elle Booton

Eiffel - Gytis Vysniauskas and Ebony Reddish

Galata - Josh Farrington and Chloe Towns

Dragon - Agata Adamiak and Piotrek Kudla

## PUPIL INFORMATION FORMS

If your child has just started in Class Koalas or Kangaroos and you have not returned your yellow pupil information form, please can we ask you to do this by **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## STIBBINGTON CENTRE OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

All families are invited to join Stibbington at the finale of their Heritage Lottery funded project, a Home Front Festival, on Saturday 28 September.

Visitors are invited to come along to Stibbington Centre's

# Home Front Festival

on Saturday 28 September  
from 10am to 4.30pm

Step back in time to the early 1940s  
at our World War II themed Open Day







- Claim your free rations and buy spam sandwiches and tea cakes at Lyons Corner House
- Handle bygone artefacts
- Try 1940s toys and games
- Look at vintage vehicles
- Take cover in an Anderson shelter
- Have a go at wartime handicrafts
- Visit our exhibition of memorabilia
- Try lessons in the evacuees' classroom, with gas mask drill and a message from Princess Elizabeth
- Listen to songs from the 1940s sung by school children, and join in with community singing too!
- Before the day, find out about our competitions, see Stop Press News at [www.cees.org.uk](http://www.cees.org.uk)

**MAKE-DO AND MEND**  
can Mrs Sew-and-Stitch

**DIG FOR VICTORY**

ADMISSION CHARGE for your ID card / Coupon / Ration book:  
Adults £3, Children £2.  
Last admission 3.00pm.  
Free entry to anyone born before the end of World War II.

Stibbington Centre is part of Cambridgeshire County Council's Environmental Education Service.  
Our 2013 Home Front Festival is the finale of a "Memories from the Home Front" project, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project is being co-ordinated by Stibbington Centre's Charitable Trust, registered charity number 1097019.  
For details visit [www.cees.org.uk](http://www.cees.org.uk) or tel 01780 782386 or [cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

Stibbington Centre is located near Wansford at PE9 6LP, beside the southbound carriageway of the A1, 6 miles south of Stamford.

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We returned to the hall to watch the girls' competition. There were lots more people there to cheer the girls on. We watched the warm ups, with Mrs Bensley suggesting this is what we could do in the future, eagerly. In the



programme it told us that the ones to watch were all 12, we were amazed that they were so young. The girls' competition was fantastic. We didn't know where to look next as all the girls were on the different apparatus at the same time.

We were very impressed and cheered loudly throughout the entire event. The English teams won both the girls and boys team event, with the individual also coming in the top spots. A fantastic day out.

## SCHOOLS' GYMNASTICS GAMES IN SHEFFIELD

Last weekend we had the privilege to attend the Sainsbury's School Games in Sheffield. We went along to watch the gymnastics in the Ice Stadium. We had an early start, as the games started at 9.30am. We arrived and watched the boys warming up, preparing for their competition. There were boys from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It was amazing to see different skills that the boys have to perform. They completed fantastic tumblers, which were higher than we are tall. We were impressed with Joe Frazer, who Louis Smith has said is the 'One to watch'!

During the break we headed out to the games village. We had an opportunity to play wheelchair basketball, which was amazing. We also had a go at fencing!

### Question of the Week

Where has your child used the number 7 this week?

Tweet or Facebook us with some of your responses! I haven't had any responses yet!

**Our green calendar of dates for the academic year is accompanying this Tower Times.**

**Diary Dates:**

### Term 1

Photographer - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

INSET - school closed to children - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

New Parents' Afternoon - Admissions

September 2014 - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Break up for half term - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### Term 2

Term 2 starts Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October