



# Tower Times



*Reach for the Moon*

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Dear Parents / Carers

Although Miss Harkins will not shout about it, I will!! Well done to her for winning the Grantham is Great Top Teacher Award. We are extremely grateful for what she does for our school and your children and very proud of her. Very well done also to Jessica Churchill for being runner up. Huntingtower has a great team!

### **PHILIPPINES TYPHOON - Toy and Book Sale**

The final total raised was £425.00 and a cheque has now been presented to the British Red Cross for this amount. Thank you to everyone.

### **The Royal British Legion**

This year we raised £59.01 in school and the District total was £24,816.91. Without your help and support, they would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

### **WINTER FAYRE - FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Come along after school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to the Winter Fayre and support the children. They have been hard at work preparing their enterprises for the Fayre.



There will also be tombolas, a raffle and refreshments. Plus keep a look out for Father Christmas who will be reading a special story. Raffle tickets only available on the afternoon and prizes include:

18 holes for 4 people at Southwell golf course

Entry tickets to Southwell races

Twinlake passes

Boots hamper

Belvoir fruit farm gift pack

Jolly jungles (Newark) passes

Spa gift voucher

Cropwell Bishop Stilton voucher

Plus more.....

*Many thanks from the PTFA*

*Thank you to everyone who kindly sent in tombola items.*

### **GRANTHAM IS GREAT AWARDS**

This event was held in the Guildhall Theatre on Tuesday evening. The awards celebrated our Community heroes with categories ranging from Local Hero to Child Achiever. Well done to all those who took part.

**Child Achiever** - Runner-up - Jessica Churchill - well done Jessica.

**Top Teacher** - Winner - Emma Harkins - what teacher!

### **ALADDIN COMES TO HUNTINGTOWER!!**

Next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, the Pyramid Pantomime Theatre group are coming in to delight us all with their production - the magic carpet, magic lamp and the Evil Abanazar. Our PTFA has very generously agreed to pay for this production, for which we are very grateful.

**UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY NEXT FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**Question of the Week**

**Who first invented the Christmas card?**

## PHILIPPINES HAIYAN TYPHOON

Hello Again Children

I wanted to say thank you for all your hard work in raising all that money by selling your books and toys.

I know the Red Cross were very pleased to come to school and accept it. There will be many people here who would also like to thank you but are unable to do so for various reasons so I am saying "THANK YOU" on their behalf. I liked the picture of the presentation on the Grantham Matters website.

**From Gary Davies - our contact in the Philippines**



## HALF DAY AT PGL ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

12 lucky children from Year 5 were selected to go to PGL on Monday.

The trip was designed to build confidence, team work as well as enjoyment. The children participated in two activities, the high ropes and the challenge course.

The high ropes challenge is designed to develop trust and cooperation between them, it is 12m high and they had to support each other through various obstacles and challenges.



Jack (Lions) said "it was cool, but also terrifying!" "My favourite part of it was where you had to sit down on your harness and pull yourself across on the rope to get to the platform."

The challenge course was several obstacles (high wall, nets, tyres); the children had to work together as a team to work their way through in order to complete the course.



Heather (Lions) said "I liked the challenge course; it was not tiring as we were on the ground, and the best bit was where you had to crawl through the car tyres!"



I would like to say thank you to parents/carers who were able to provide lifts to and from school, all the children had a great time! Mrs Duxbury-Mead

## ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2014

### Starting School?

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 are due to start Reception in September 2014.

You must apply for a school place before 12 noon, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Apply online at

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or

pick up an application pack from the School Office (available now).

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented as follows:

KS1 - Class Koalas 98%

and

KS2 - Class Lemurs 98.71%

Overall attendance 95.53%

Again, overall attendance percentage slightly down this week due to illness.

## Dates for your Diary:

### Term 2

- PTFA Christmas/Winter Fayre - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec
- KS1 Christmas Performance - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - dress rehearsal
- KS1 Christmas Performance - Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec pm
- KS1 Christmas Performance - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec eve
- Choir at St Peter's Hill Christmas Tree - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- KS2 Choir to the George Centre - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- KS2 Christmas Lunch and Party - Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec
- FS/KS1 Christmas Lunch and Party - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Break up for holiday - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## KS1 CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION - "PRICKLY HAY"

If you have ordered extra tickets, please call into the office to pay for these and collect.

## Fun to Play

### Family Fun Morning



Thursday 12th December

Come and join us for **FREE** fun children's activities  
10.00am - 12 noon



#### Venue - The George Shopping Centre

Swingbridge and Belton Lane Children's Centre staff will be at the George Shopping Centre. Families are invited to drop in to take part in a range of creative activities. There will be messy play so wear your old clothes. All events are FREE Everyone welcome

For more information contact:  
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