

### CALENDAR

#### Academic Year 2011 – 2012

##### Spring Term 2012

Term Starts: Tuesday 10.1.12  
 Half Term: 13.2.12 – 17.2.12  
 End of Term: Friday 30.3.12  
 (12.30pm finish)

##### Summer Term 2012

Term Starts: Tuesday 17.4.12  
 Half Term: 4.6.12 – 8.6.12  
 Whole School Assembly  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July (12.30 finish)  
 Activity week: 9.7.12 – 13.7.12  
 End of Term: Friday 13.07.12

##### Autumn Term 2012

Term Starts: Tuesday 4.9.12  
 Half Term: 29.10.12 – 2.11.12  
 End of Term: Friday 14.12.12

### Welcome to the TGPS Newsletter

#### Cross Country Report

Twenty four runners headed off to “Sunny Spalding” for our annual trip to the Ayscoughfee Hall Cross Country Challenge. Historically this has always been a bit of a trudge usually in freezing cold, damp and dismal conditions with often little cheer being brought back to Grantham. This year however proved different with each race bringing success for our runners. Helen (Year 4) set the standard with a fine win in the Under 9 Girls’ race and the rest of the team finished so strongly that they secured 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Harry (Year 4) and Peter (Year 3) followed hot on Helen’s trail by finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively and again with some strong running and determined finishing our boys team also finished second,

In the Under 11 Girls race it was only Holly (Year 6) who troubled the scorers with a fine runner up spot after a tough battle with a girl from Laxton. Last, but not least our Under 11 Boys’ team took to the field and what a finish we had to witness. Ethan (Year 6) led everyone home with a great win – spurred on or should I say frightened on by the ever youthful stamina of Mr. Bailey “encouraging” him from the side all the way up the finishing straight. (He says it was at least a 400m finish but I feel a slight bending of the truth here, Mr. Bailey, more like 40m!!) Charlie T. (6<sup>th</sup>), Tom W. (8<sup>th</sup>), Richard E. (10<sup>th</sup>), Archie L. (9<sup>th</sup>) and Jacob B. (19<sup>th</sup>) all pushed extremely hard to finish in a very tight group and secured the overall Boys’ title. This was a fantastic afternoon of gutsy running from all those who took part, well done.

#### Under 11 Cross Country Boys



#### Music Lesson with Mrs. Parry

Due to an unavoidable hospital appointment, Mrs. Parry will not be in school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012. Mrs. Parry will ensure that this is corrected in the Summer Term invoices. Thank you.

#### Missing Uniform

Libby W. (Year 4) is still missing her School Blazer from last term. Libby’s name is both sown and written on a label and in permanent ink. William L. (Reception) school cap has also gone missing. His name is clearly on the inside of the cap. Please could I ask all Parents to have a look to ensure that they have the correct uniform for their child/children.

#### ISA Leaflet

In your child’s bag today you will find an ISA leaflet which explains what our membership of ISA means for The Grantham Preparatory School.

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We hope that you'll be able to join us at our next social event, the popular beetle drive, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012 from 6pm – 7.30pm.

This year's school Summer Fair will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 from 4pm - 7pm, with all the usual stalls plus some extra fun and entertainment to celebrate the school's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Please also sign up at

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tfgp/>

it's a really easy way for us to raise funds, you just shop online in the normal way (you need to go to the easy fundraising site first and then link to Amazon or wherever...) and the retailer makes a donation to the school.

### Music Lessons

Just a reminder that all children in Classes One to Six will be working on their recorders during their Music lessons with Mrs. Banfield this term. Please ensure that your child/children have their recorder with them for their lesson. Thank you.

### Under 11 Football v The National School

Our first fixture of the Grantham & District League took place at The National School. Our record over the years has not been too good but new standards are being set all the time by our students and this game was no exception. After going down 1-0 just before half time things were not looking too good but our players remained strong and stuck to the plan and frustrated National on many occasions into making silly errors. It was only a matter of time and after persistent onslaughts to the National goal Tom W. stepped up and drew us level. In the last 6 minutes team formations were changed and 4 clear chances for us to score were squandered

and the game eventually ended fairly at 1-1. A very entertaining game was played by both teams warming the hearts of the spectators who braved the cold night air to support our team. Thank you.

### Class Two

This week, Class Two have successfully undertaken work on Fractions. Initially working at parts of shapes and latterly working on fractions of numbers, firstly with tangible resources and then linking the division process to known facts from within the 2,4,5 and 10 times tables. Well done Class Two.



### Netball Match – Change of Venue

The Under 9/10 Netball match venue has been changed this will now be an away match. We will be leaving school at 2.15pm. If you are able to help with transport to Laxton School please contact Mrs. Wightman as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Message from Mr. Park

Please could you ensure that all P.E. kit is named! We have had a number of items go missing, in particular the new style Jacket/Fleece which have no name in them. Thank you.

### Cool Cats Uniform Supplier

The link for Cool Cats uniform supplier has been added to TGPS website. If you access the Uniform & Equipment heading on the home page, there is a direct link to the Cool Cats website.

### Dates for your Diary:

**20.3.2012**

Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm

**22.3.2012**

Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm

**14.6.2012**

Whole School Photograph – 9am



### Important Reminders

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 6 to Caythorpe

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

U-11/U-9 Football v Peterborough/ Ayscoughfee (a)  
2.30pm

Under 9/10 Netball v Laxton School (a) 3.30pm