

## Welcome to the TGPS Newsletter

### CALENDAR

#### Academic Year 2011 – 2012

##### Autumn Term 2011

Term Starts: Wednesday 7.9.11  
Half Term: 24.10 – 28.10.11  
End of Term: Friday 16.12.11  
(12.30pm finish)

##### 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: 9.7.11 – 13.7.11  
End of Term: Friday 13.07.12



**ISA** – It is official! We are now an ISA School and will continue to be inspected by ISI regularly in the future. We are all delighted and already we are enjoying the benefits and receiving excellent training and sharing “best practice” with colleagues. We also hope the children will benefit from excellent competitions across all curriculum areas in the future. The aim of the organisation is to promote excellence in all that we do. We hope to have our ISA badge soon and some leaflets about ISA to share with everyone.

#### Parent Information

##### Christmas Activity Camp

Dates for our Christmas Activity Camp are as follows:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

If you would like to reserve your child a place, please complete the registration form and return it with a cheque to the school office as soon as possible.

**Christmas Carol Service** - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 6.30pm, ChristChurch, Finkin Street.

#### Important Reminders

##### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Last Infant Natural Movement lesson of the term, Parents very welcome to attend and join in.

U-11 Netball v Salterford School (a) 2pm  
U-11 Rugby v Highfields (a) 2.30pm

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#### IES Conference – Cape Town 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011

As many of you will know, last week I visited Cape Town to attend our annual IES conference. It was an excellent opportunity to share “best practice”, in order to ensure that we continue to provide the very best education possible for all our pupils. We also discussed how we could make the most of being part of the IES and SEK network, and we intend to develop the links between the schools, through the internet, competitions and visits. I was able to visit the three schools in South Africa, two of which (Blouberg and Hout Bay) are in the process of being built on land near to the old schools. I am delighted to be back at Grantham Prep. School but very much appreciated the opportunity to renew friendships with colleagues, reflect, learn and be inspired by some motivational speakers. Our new Chairman Dr. Tate gave us an inspiring talk titled “What is education for?” which I have shared with staff at our school; and was very much appreciated by us all.



## 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:

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service at ChristChurch, Finkin Street at 6.30pm

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Infant Christmas Play – 2pm

### Wednesday 14.12.11

Infant Christmas Play – 2pm

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

11.30am Band & Choir to George Centre, Grantham Infant and Junior Discos

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

12 noon School Assembly  
12.30 School finishes

## Hira – Year 6 pupil celebrating Eid



## Dance Assembly

Assembly was very active on Monday morning with Mrs. Lewis. The whole school, including the teachers, joined in with assembly aerobics! Each year group learnt a rhythmical movement phrase which built up and developed to a great dance sequence to a percussive version of "I got Rhythm!" Mrs. Lewis reminded everyone the most important thing about dancing-to have fun!

What a wonderful way to start the week!  
Mrs. Lewis

## Brand New Blazer – Size 2

An unnamed brand new blazer has been left on the pegs in Early Years. Please could I ask all Early Years parents to check that they have their child's blazer at home. Thank you.

## Under 11 Rugby v Laxton Junior School

15 minutes of hard and fast rugby went past in a flash. Before we had settled into any kind of rhythm we found ourselves 4 tries and 4 conversions behind a strong Laxton team. After a "stiff chat" at half time our boys rallied extremely well and started rucking and mauling with great purpose and threatened to breach the Laxton line of defence on several occasions but alas it was not to be.

Despite a heavy score line Laxton scored no further points and we definitely won the second half in possession and territory alone. I was pleased with our team spirit and cohesion which was definitely evident in the second half but sadly missing from the first – maybe we were all looking for our usually vocal supporters to help us along – but sadly they were all absent today!!

## Under 11 Tag Rugby v Ayscoughfee Hall School

This was a strange encounter and a somewhat unusual Tag Rugby match. After a lively exchange of trys in the opening minutes we began to get used to the referees interpretation of Tag Rugby rules and began to play by the "referees rules" which brought us closer in possession and territory but alas not enough points. Ayscoughfee – who have been coached by the referee – played the rules very efficiently and ran out 7 – 2 winners. I was pleased with the effort and enthusiasm we displayed and was encouraged at how quickly our boys adapted to the local rules.

We look forward to a slightly more vocal support at our next match coming up at Highfields School, Newark on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Both Under 11 and Under 9 teams will be in action on that day with our Under 9 boys looking to secure their 100% record for the season – miss it at your peril!!



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**We really need your help please!** We have two Christmas activities that the Friends help out with each year – decorating Christ Church, Finkin Street on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December and decorating the hall for the school disco and creating Santa's grotto on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will be discussing these events as well as ongoing fundraising/activities at our next meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November just after drop-off. The meeting will take place in the Art room. Please do come and join us if you can!

