

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 6th 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

Visitor to EYFS

A Police Officer from the Cambridgeshire Police Force visited EYFS last week. He talked to the children about how the police can help them and the things he needs to wear or use for his job. The children tried on the various hats and helmets, looked at the torches, jackets, protective pads and batons. The children asked him questions about being a policeman and listened to him very carefully. If you have a profession which provides a helpful service to the community and wish to talk to the EYFS children about it, please talk to a member of EYFS staff.



Hot Lunch Changes

Any changes to your child's hot lunch choices must be given to Mrs. Abbs by **3.30pm on Thursday 9th February 2012**. Any received after this date will not be actioned, as the paperwork will have been sent to the Catering Company. Thank you.

THIS ISSUE

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Swimarathon Support

Dear Parents, Colleagues & Friends,
I now have our web link for donating to the swimarathon fund to help our Class 6 team – Prep Piranhas 2012 – in their quest to raise funds for the Grantham Rotary event this weekend. If you would like to support them, please follow the link below and pledge some money. The Prep Piranhas 2012 will be extremely grateful. To help support the Swimarathon team for their swim this Sunday 5th February at 2.30pm, we are inviting our Class 2,3,4,5 and 6 class swimmers on **Monday 6th February** to wear their own style of swimming costume for their lesson. A small minimum donation of £1.00 will hopefully help to motivate our team & provide some light entertainment for our class swimmers. Please hand the money into the office before the swim on Monday. **Swimarathon link for donating:** www.justgiving.com/granthamprep-piranhas2012

Thank you for your support.

Mr. Park



Dates for your Diary:

6.2.2012

Donate a £1 & wear your own swimming costume to your swimming lesson on Monday.

16.3.2012

Family Beetle Drive – details to follow

20.3.2012

Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm

22.3.2012

Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm

14.6.2012

Whole School Photograph – 9am

February Half Term Camp

Monday 13th Feb. to Friday 17th Feb. 2012

Please complete the registration slip with a cheque to secure your child's place and return them to the school office.

Easter Camp

Following Parents' responses, Easter camp will be run for one week from

Monday 2nd April to Thurs. 5th April 2012.

A registration letter will be sent in due course, please complete and return with a cheque to the school office. Thank you.

Infant Play DVD

We have one remaining copy of the Infant Nativity DVD, please contact the School Office if you would like to purchase it.

Thank you.



Thanks to your generosity and the hard work of parents and children The Friends of Grantham Prep. have been able to buy new sports bibs for the infants and juniors.



Friday 16th March 2012

Date for your diary the family Beetle Drive will take place at 6pm on Friday 16th March 2012. More details to follow.

Chess Tournament

On Thursday, the Chess Club held their first tournament against Oakham School. Despite the daunting prospect of taking on an Oakham team who were all in year 7 and 8, the Chess team performed really well. It was a close run tournament with Oakham's additional years of experience helping them to an overall win by just three games. For a first tournament, all of the team played well, Grace (Year 4) won all three of the games she played, Richard, Benjamin, James and Henry (all in Year 6) all won challenging games against their opponents. Both school teams really enjoyed the encounter and Oakham have invited us to a return away match at Oakham. Now that the Chess team has got off to such a great start we hope to arrange further tournaments with other schools in the future. Thank you to the team for all your hard work in putting the TGPS on the school chess tournament map, we were very proud of you all. Mr. Shannon



Strings Workshop

Unfortunately, the Strings Workshop with Mrs. Parry due to take place on Wednesday 22nd February has been cancelled.



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.

Under 9 Football Report Panthers

The Panthers met a very keen Laxton team and found themselves defending for most of the first half. They conceded two early goals but just before half time Jack (Captain) came close to pulling one back. He ran the full length of the pitch finishing with a good shot only to see it saved by their keeper. The Panthers tried to rally in the second half behind their hard working Captain. Unfortunately, today Laxton were a little stronger, and added to their tally to finish Laxton 4 TGPS 0. However, for a large number of our players this was a first time experience in very difficult cold and icy conditions. The boys never gave in and worked hard right up to the final whistle. A commendable effort. Thank you to Mrs. Briggs for her assistance and support.

Tigers

We had a taste of our own medicine today! Last week we shocked our opposition with our blistering early pace and slick passing game. Before the opposition woke up we were 2 – 0 up and they were left chasing the game. We were the recipients on Wednesday against a well organised and focused Laxton team. Luckily Harry kept us in the game, he scored just before half time. We mustn't be caught napping again. Half time score was 2 – 1 to Laxton. The second half saw the Tigers apply more pressure and the score was levelled with an own goal. Laxton went ahead again only for Tigers to fight back with a well worked move combining Freddy, Harry and finished by Peter. 3 – 3. Tigers were kept in this game by brave goal keeping from George who saved numerous 1 on 1's. Well done for a spirited finish boys.

The Ghost of Mr. Fox

The whole school enjoyed a fantastic concert today from "The Ghost of Mr. Fox" The band led by our very own drum & guitar teacher Mr. Monaghan played a mix of their own original songs & cover versions and were joined for two numbers by his TGPS pupils.



Parent Information

Please could Parents ensure that all children come to school and leave via the front door of the school rather than the back entrance. This is for their own safety as vehicles are often moving around in the quad area.

Any children arriving before the bell is rung at 8.45am who are not accompanied by a Parent, should go to Crèche. Crèche is available from 8am to 8.45am. Children who arrive before 8.45am and are accompanied by a Parent should wait outside their classroom door until 8.45am. Children should not be left unaccompanied in the morning by Parents. Thank you.

Important Reminders

Sunday 5th February

Swimathon @ Meres (a) 2.30pm

Tuesday 7th February

Gymnastics Competition Infants & Juniors (tbc)

Wednesday 8th February

U-11/U-9 Football v St. Hugh's (h) 3.30pm

U-11/U-9 Netball v St. Hugh's (h) 3.30pm

Thursday 9th February

"Swallows & Amazons" @ Theatre Royal – Year 5 & 6

Friday 10th February

End of Term – normal finishing time

