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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a great break. We have a busy half term planned with a lot going on. Parents evening on 17th and 18th March is one of the key events. We will send out letters for you to book appointments and it would be great if all families were able to attend.

Over the past year we have worked on a range of learning skills at the school with a huge focus on writing and maths. The work that we have done has raised the standards in these areas and the children should be proud of all that they are achieving. During assembly on Monday I explained that we would be focusing on pupil conduct this term. The pupils at Isaac Newton have always been brilliantly behaved but we feel there is room for improvement. We will use assemblies and time in class to ensure that pupils understand the need for self discipline, especially when they are not in class. As a school we believe that pupils should have time to interact with one another without an adult being right next to them. As such break times and lunch times are an important part of pupils' learning. Self discipline is essential at these times, the safe environment of the playground allows pupils to learn a lot of real life lessons about the way in which they should conduct themselves when given some freedom!

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

5th March	**World Book Day**
2nd March	**Viking experience day Year 3/4**
13th March	**Comic Relief**
17th & 18th March	**Parents Evening**

Year 6 pupils have been enjoying using green screen technology in their "Watery Worlds Theme:



World book day

Don't forget that it is world book day on Thursday. This year we would like all of the children to come dressed in their pyjamas (onesies etc) and bring in a favourite bedtime book. Please ensure they have plenty of layers underneath, especially considering the cold weather we have experienced this half term.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

We will be holding a competition called a book in a box on the day. In order to enter children need to find a shoebox (or similar sized box) and make a scene from a children's story. The winners in Years R, 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6 will receive a prize in assembly on the following Monday.

Comic Relief

This year comic relief is on Friday 13th March. The theme is "make your face funny for money". It would be great if as many children (and staff) as possible were able to make their faces funny on the day and bring a donation that will go directly to comic relief. Those children doing this will be allowed to attend in non-uniform!

Parents/Carers in school and on the playground

There have been a number of Parents/Carers who have found their way into the building before and after school. It is essential that Parents/Carers do not do this. This is not because we do not want to see you but because we have a safeguarding duty to fulfill. If you arrive late please ensure that you report to reception.

Unfortunately we have also had inappropriate behaviour from some parents on the playground. Please remember that we have to set the right example to the pupils and ensure that your behaviour reflects the school's community ethos when you are on site.

Easter Competition

We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet and Egg Decoration competition again this year. All entries need to be completed by 23rd March. We will announce the winners in assembly and they will receive an Easter Egg.

School Answer Machine

We have recently installed a new school answer machine on the phone line. This is to ensure that Parents/Carers can leave messages about absence late in the evening or early in the morning. Should you use the answer machine to report your child's absence, please ensure that you state your child's name, class and the reason for which they will be absent.