



# The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to be able to let you know that work to build our studio and new classrooms should begin during half term. This is a really exciting project which will improve the way in which the school functions and give us some much needed extra space! Please read the "Building" section of this letter to see how this will affect pupils in Reception and Year 1/2.

Tomorrow is an INSET day. It will be a really exciting day for staff as we begin to plan for the New National Curriculum in September. This is a huge opportunity for us to make the curriculum really exciting for the pupils. We will decide upon the themes that we are going to teach and the way in which we can bring these themes to life for the children. I am looking forward to letting you know how it has gone and having a trial run of some new themes in the Summer term!

Have a great half term.

Paul Hill  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary:

**Thursday 13th February**  
Break for Half term Holiday

**Monday 24th February**  
Return to School

**Friday 28th February**  
Foundation Stage Writing Workshop

**Saturday 1st March**  
Colsterworth Music Festival

**Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th March**  
Parents' Evening 4:00pm - 7:00pm

## Head Lice

Your child should have been given a leaflet about head lice to accompany this newsletter. Please take a look and check hair over half term so that we can come back lice free after the holiday.

## Website

We are in the process of setting up a new school website – take a look:

***isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk***

We hope that it will be easy to navigate. It will eventually also work as learning platform. Pupils will be able to log in and gain access to a range of educational resources including Bug Club and Education City. Once we have the background design and have teased out any issues we will redirect the old website address so that everybody can find it quickly.

## Swimarathon

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Swimarathon last weekend. It was a fantastic effort and the rotary club were delighted with the event.

## Building

As the building work begins we will need to change the way in which pupils in the Reception Classes enter in the morning and leave in the evening. The building work will mean that we can no longer use the Infant playground. As such, parents/carers of pupils in Reception will need to walk around to the back of the school (past the hall) and pick up their children from the Foundation Stage outdoor area. Mr Hill and Mrs Anderson will be on the playground to help with directions on the first day back. We are hoping that the dropping off and picking up arrangements for all other year groups will remain the same. However, parents of pupils in Years 1 and 2 will have a restricted area to use which may cause some congestion to begin with.

## School Council

School Council have been meeting to discuss the things that pupils would like to happen within school. This term they have visited Mr Hill to discuss reopening the tuck shop in the Juniors, having an Easter Disco, and creating a new certificate for pupils who manage to get to 100 Team points. Mr Hill has agreed to each of these things but has asked school council to produce a business plan for the Tuck Shop. Once school council have shown they can make a profit Mr Hill has agreed to double the amount made so that the School Council can purchase resources that they feel will make a difference to school life.