



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I near the end of my first full term here at Isaac Newton it is great to reflect on all that we have done. The speed at which the staff have addressed the issues raised in the OfSTED inspection has been incredible! The progress that the pupils are making is fantastic and I am delighted with the way that we have moved forward. Whilst there is much to celebrate we will continue to focus on school improvement. During this term we have developed writing, marking and planning. Next term we will ensure that we are developing reading and maths, whilst continuing to work on the new curriculum in readiness for September.

I would like to thank you all for your support in what has been a difficult period for the school. Have a great Easter and we look forward to seeing you following the break.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Swimarathon

Thank you to all of the swimarathon participants. We raised £1000 for the Rotary Club. The money will be used to support local charities.

Parents' evening

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended parents' evening. We hope that you gained a greater understanding of your child's progress. If you have any concerns or queries in the future then please ensure that you discuss these with the class teacher.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to those parents/carers who have volunteered and attended the induction sessions. I will let you know as soon as the DBS forms are available. You will then be able to pick them up from the school office.

Returning to school:

Please remember that Monday 21st of April is a bank holiday. **We return to school on Tuesday 22nd.**

Independent Education Board

The Department of Education have now given their approval for the school to have an Independent Education Board (IEB). The board will act as the governors of the school did in the past. The main difference is that each member of the board has an educational background. The first meeting has already been held and members of the board are visiting the school to gain a greater understanding of our situation. They will provide challenge for the school leadership team whilst helping to celebrate our success.

Acadamisation

I have been asked a number of questions about the acadamisation process in recent weeks so I thought I would answer as many as possible here in the school newsletter:

Q: When will the school become an academy?

A: The most likely date is August 1st. As such we will begin school life as an academy when we return from the Summer Holiday.

Q: Will the name change?

A: Our intention is to be called "Isaac Newton School". As such we will retain the main part of our name.

Issues before and after school.

There was nearly an accident just outside of the school gate earlier this week when a car mounted the pavement in order to pass another vehicle. Please ensure that you drive carefully. The whole school community has a duty to maintain the safety of our pupils.

Unfortunately, we have also had a number of complaints about pupils knocking on our neighbours' doors and running away. I am sure you understand that this can be extremely distressing and would we would appreciate your support in preventing it from happening again.

Netball and football teams

Both the school netball and football teams have been in action over the last week. Well done to all of the pupils who have represented the school. You have been a real credit to us.