



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

Despite the weather we have really enjoyed the first week back following the break. A lot is already happening and there has been a lovely buzz of activity around the school.

On Monday the librarians opened the Library for the first time. Mrs Moorcroft's class are being used as the guinea pigs to test the library system. Each child in her class had the opportunity to loan a book. As we deal with any issues (books that won't scan etc) we will ensure that we add additional classes to the rota. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Anderson and her wonderful librarians for getting us to this point!

On Tuesday the pupils in Year 4 had a great Egyptian experience which included dance and music. It brought a different dimension to their topic and really enhanced their understanding of the subject.

Tuesday also saw the final of the Year 5 table tennis competition. Everybody who entered has shown great determination and sportsmanship throughout. After a hard fought final, the winner was Jack who just pipped Julia to the trophy.



On Thursday we took a team of Year 5 girls to compete in a competition at Jump Revolution. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience of representing school. They conquered their fears and worked hard together as a team.



Paul Hill
Headteacher

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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 leavers' assembly will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 19th July. We would love to have a great turn out of the Parents/Carers and close family members of the Year 6 pupils.

Dates for Your Diary

14 th June	New Parents Meeting
15 th June	New Parents Meeting
16 th June	Kwik Cricket Tournament
17 th June	Grantham Carnival
21 st June	Bake Off
26 th June	Trips to Harry Potter World and Knipton
28 th June	Violin Concert
6 th July	Mark's Magic Kingdom
7 th July	KS1 Sports Day (morning on the school field)
9 th July	Hockey County Finals
11 th July	Years 3-6 Sports Day (morning at the Meres)
19 th July	6pm – Y6 Leavers Assembly
20 th July	Last day before Summer Holiday

CAKE BAKE OFF

Weds 21st June - £1 to enter your baking masterpiece. Cash prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd places (to be judged at 3pm) and cakes to be sold at 3:30pm following judging. Buy your ticket from the office to enter!



MARK'S MAGIC KINGDOM



We have booked a fantastic family show for Thursday 6th July here at School. Mark's Magic Kingdom will begin at 6:15pm. Tickets are £3 each and are available from the school office!

The NSPCC have the following tips for talking about recent national events

Children are exposed to news in many ways, and what they see can worry them. Our advice can help you have a conversation with your child:

- ◇ listen carefully to a child's fears and worries
- ◇ offer reassurance and comfort
- ◇ avoid complicated and worrying explanations that could be frightening and confusing
- ◇ help them find advice and support to understand distressing events and feelings
- ◇ children can always contact Childline free and confidentially on the phone and online.

It's also important to address bullying and abuse following the terrorist attacks.

Some children may feel targeted because of their faith or appearance

Look for signs of bullying, and make sure that they know they can talk with you about it. Often children might feel scared or embarrassed, so reassure them it's not their fault that this is happening, and that they can always talk to you or another adult they trust. Alert your child's school so that they can be aware of the issue.

Dealing with offensive or unkind comments about a child's faith or background

If you think this is happening, it's important to intervene. Calmly explain that comments like this are not acceptable. Your child should also understand that someone's beliefs do not make them a terrorist. Explain that most people are as scared and hurt by the attacks as your child is. You could ask them how they think the other child felt, or ask them how they felt when someone said something unkind to them. Explain what you will do next, such as telling your child's school, and what you expect them to do.

Winston's Wish is another great website with great advice on how to support children who have seen the national media coverage:

<https://www.winstonswish.org.uk/>

As a school we will talk to children who raise any concerns during the school day at an age appropriate level. The Juniors' (Years 3-6) will also join in with any national times of reflection as appropriate (on Tuesday we joined with the minute of silence).

If you have any questions or queries please do chat to your child's class teacher.

SUN CREAM AND COATS

If the weather improves it is essential that children are protected against the sun and are well hydrated. As such can Parents/Carers please ensure that children have either school water bottles (available from the office) or a transparent water bottle. If children are able to apply their own sun cream then they should bring it in a bottle labeled with their name. This will then be stored in school by the class teacher who will allow application prior to periods of time spent outside. If you chose to apply sun cream prior to school then please be aware that it is unlikely to last until the main outdoor period at lunch time. As such please ensure that you check that the sun cream states that it will last for the whole day if applying before school. **All sun cream should be at least factor 30.**

If the weather does not improve then please ensure that your child has a coat.

E-safety

We have added another information sheet to the "E-safety" section of the school website. This time it is about the app Musical.ly. Please do take a look if you are aware that your child has been using this app.

School Library Books competition:

Now that the library is open we need even more books! Please follow the link below or use the QR code to vote for Isaac Newton Primary School to win £5,000 for our school library.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WTk1buvyu00>

