

# The Apple

*The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham*

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a fabulous week here at Isaac Newton. In assembly on Monday we focused on the joy of reading and announced the winners of the Book in a Box competition. There were a lot of entries and picking the winners was extremely difficult. Well done to all of those children who competed. A picture of the winners can be seen in the news section of the school website.

The Year 1 pupils went to Tattershall Castle on Tuesday. We were fortunate to have such great weather ensuring that we were able to make the most of the day. The children had a magnificent time and we are looking forward to the writing that will be produced now that they have first-hand experience of a real castle.

Today has been the second of two theme days (World Book Day last week and Comic Relief this week). The children looked brilliant with their funny faces and we are again grateful for your support. We will publish the amount raised on the school website as soon as it has been counted. As a school we are conscious of the number of activities that Parents/Carers are asked to support and are trying to strike the balance in order that there is not too much pressure on Parents/Carers.

A number of school teams have also been in action lately. The school netball team played more matches last week. They enjoyed mixed results and they are now more than ready for the upcoming tournament. We also sent 10 Years 2s to a gymnastics competition on Wednesday. They did brilliantly and revelled in the experience. The school football teams had a tough match up with The National this week but showed another huge improvement in their team work.

**Finally, you should have received a Parent/Carer survey with this newsletter. It would be brilliant to get as many copies back as possible in order that we can plan for the future by taking your views into account**

Paul Hill  
Headteacher

## Parents Evenings

Don't forget Parents Evening on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. You should have had a letter with a reply slip to book yourself an appointment – if it hasn't made it home pop to the school office to get a spare copy! It would be great if all families were able to attend.

## Year 6 SAT week

The Year 6 Pupils will be sitting their SATs tests from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. They have worked brilliantly throughout the year and we are sure they will be rewarded with the levels that they deserve. As a school we do not want the children to feel under excessive pressure. All we can ever ask of the children is that they try their hardest – the rest will take care of itself.

## Holiday Dates

The holiday dates for 2015/2016 are on the reverse of this newsletter. They are also available on the school website along with the proposed dates for 2016/2017. Please ensure that you go to the correct year when using the website as the dates for this year and the next two years are all available!

## Chocolate Tombola and Cake Stall

On 24<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a chocolate tombola and selling cakes after school. We are currently raising money to install a school library. As such the money raised will support this. **All chocolate donations will be gratefully received!**

## Bags 2 School

This year we will be using the Bags 2 School scheme to help us to raise money. It is a good opportunity to sort through your cupboards and donate any unwanted textiles (clothing, shoes, belts etc) and place the contents in bags that will be collected from school. The event will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## Easter Competition

The first entries for our annual Easter Bonnet and Egg Decoration competition have been submitted. All entries need to be completed by 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We will announce the winners in assembly and they will receive an Easter Egg.

### Dates for your diary:

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Cake stall/Tombola
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day before Easter
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Bags to School
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs

# School Term and Holiday Dates 2015-2016




	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28


## Bank and Public Holidays 2015-2016

Christmas Day	- Friday 25 December	Easter Monday	- Monday 28 March
Boxing Day	- Monday 28 December	May Day Bank Holiday	- Monday 2 May
New Years Day	- Friday 1 January	Spring Bank Holiday	- Monday 30 May
Good Friday	- Friday 25 March	Summer Bank Holiday	- Monday 29 August

### Key

Staff Training/ INSET Day 

Public Holidays 

School Holidays 

Days Term Time 190

Days INSET 5

Total Days 195

### Term Lengths (Days)

Term 1 3 Sept - 22 Oct 36 days

#### October Break

Term 2 2 Nov - 17 Dec 34 days

#### Christmas Break

Term 3 5 Jan - 12 Feb 29 days

#### February Break

Term 4 22 Feb - 24 Mar 24 days

#### Easter Break

Term 5 12 Apr - 27 May 33 days

#### May Break

Term 6 6 Jun - 21 Jul 34 days

#### Summer Holiday

Total	190 days
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