



# The Apple

**The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham**



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## Dear Parents/Carer

The Christmas mood has really arrived in school this week and this was especially the case for the Foundation Stage. Their nativity performances were fantastic this week and show just how quickly the children have progressed since that first week in school in September. Thank you to all of those members of the school community that attended it was great to see you all.

On Wednesday the Year 2 choir and violin players treated us to a fantastic performance. We are exceptionally proud of the hard work and dedication of the pupils who play the violin and extremely grateful to Mrs Bongiovanni who does an amazing job here at school. Class 5 also performed wonderfully, both on the recorders and when singing and made it a really special event.

On Thursday the school volleyball teams were in action. Both managed to go undefeated in the local tournament with just one drawn match – well done to all involved.

The children have been making great use of the additional space in the Junior Playground over the past few weeks. The surface has made a huge difference and means that we can use the trim trail and stage area throughout the year!



Finally, we completed a pupil survey in Years 5 and 6 last week. The results are extremely pleasing with children answering positively for each of the questions:

- 92% having an adult in school they can talk to if they're worried
- 94% saying that their work is interesting
- 94% saying that they like coming to school
- 96% stating that their teacher expects them to work hard
- 97% saying they enjoy and understand assemblies
- 84% saying that they get the correct amount of homework
- 78% stating that they have been to an after school club in the last year

The questionnaire has the choices "Always, usually, sometimes, never". The percentages show those children who responded with the first three options being represented in the percentage shown.

**Paul Hill**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary:

12 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Christmas Quiz
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm	Y1/2 Christmas Celebration
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Y3-6 Christmas Performance
15 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30am	Y3-6 Christmas Performance
16 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30am	Y1/2 Christmas Celebration
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress for Christmas Day
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of school
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Children return to school

## A message from the Community Inclusive Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly I would like to introduce myself. I am Peter Bell, CEO of the Community Inclusive Trust, which you will be aware Isaac Newton became sponsored by in December 2014.

My role within C.I.T. is to work with the Board of Trustees along with Senior Leadership Teams across all of the schools within the Trust, to ensure that all the schools meet their statutory duties, as well as challenge and support the Local Governing Bodies and schools leadership to provide the highest levels of care and education. The Trust achieves this through ensuring the schools are funded correctly, managing the finances to ensure the schools are resourced effectively, monitoring how the schools are performing and where appropriate providing support.

C.I.T. was founded by Ambergate and Sandon, the history and growth of the Trust so far is as follows:

### September 2014

GANF - Ambergate Sports College becomes an academy.

GANF - Sandon School becomes an academy.

The Multi Academy Trust - C.I.T. is formed.

### December 2014

Isaac Newton Primary School becomes officially sponsored by C.I.T.

### September 2015

LEARN Teaching School Alliance is formed.

### March 2016

Spalding Special Schools - The Priory School becomes an academy and joins C.I.T.

Spalding Special Schools - The Garth School becomes an academy and joins C.I.T.

The John Fielding Special School becomes an academy and joins C.I.T.

### August 2016

Woodlands Academy joins C.I.T.

The growth of the Trust has benefited each school through the ability to attract and retain the best staff to a growing organisation, the economies of scale which has enabled staffing levels and resourcing to remain higher than if the schools were on their own in these troubled economic times, the professional development of the staff through sharing of good practice and increased influence in the changing world of education.

Finally, as the CEO and on behalf of all the Trustees I would like to say how privileged we all feel to work with such dedicated Governors, staff and parent/carers communities to support all pupils on their journey to achieve their full potential.

Season greetings!

**Peter Bell**  
CEO  
Community Inclusive Trust

## Parental Survey

Please remember to return your Parent/Carer surveys by 16<sup>th</sup> December. We use this to inform our planning for the year ahead and to gain a snapshot of opinions within the school community. Please take the opportunity to have your say. Thank you for your support.