



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

I am delighted to be able to begin the newsletter with good news! Prior to the summer holiday we submitted an application the "Big Lottery Fund" asking for support in purchasing a tyre play area for the Foundation Stage and new soft flooring to link the trim trail to the main playground for the Juniors. This week we received notification that we have been successful. We will be instructing the contractors to begin work ASAP and will keep you informed of developments.

Pupils may have told you that they have been doing some tests over the past two weeks. All of the pupils in Years 1-6 have been assessed using 1 reading and 1 maths test. This gives us an early indication of your child's progress since the summer break and means that we will be able to discuss this with you at Parents' Evenings on either the 22nd or 23rd November.

Finally I am delighted to report that Bella May Fulcher was born this week. Mrs Fulcher is doing well and we are delighted to be able to report the good news.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Pirate Ship

Unfortunately the bad weather means that use of the Pirate Ship prior to school has become too risky. Therefore we ask that all Parents/Carers keep their children off the ship. We would hate to have any accidents. School staff will assess the safety of the ship each day to ensure that frost etc has melted prior to use at break times.

Sending newsletter by email

Following recent upgrades to our computer systems at school within the next two weeks we are hoping to send out the newsletter both as a paper copy and by email. In order for this to be successful we will need to have the correct email address for Parents/Carers – if yours has changed then please let us know.

Reading Workshop

We will be holding a reading workshop for Parents/Carers on 19th October at 2:45pm. We will use the session to explain the way in which reading works here at Isaac Newton and to help with strategies at home. Please fill in the slip below if you will be attending:

Name: _____

Name of your child: _____

Year Group of child: _____

Harvest

On Monday we will be celebrating Harvest with a visit from the Food Bank. Any donations of tinned or non-perishable packets would be much appreciated.

Staying Safe online

As technology continues to develop quickly it is important to ensure that you have safeguards in place when your child is using devices that allow them to access the internet. This week we are highlighting a couple of helpful resources.

Think U Know:

This is a fantastic website with age appropriate sections for children as well as a brilliant guide for parents. It has a wealth of information alongside games/clips to help your child to understand both the benefits and drawbacks of the internet. Simply google ThinkUKnow to find the site.

Kidsrex:

Kidsrex is a child friendly search engine which filters out most of those websites that you would not like your child to come across when searching. Whilst no search engine can ever guarantee it is 100% free of inappropriate content this is certainly a lot more robust than the search engines that are usually used.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school next Friday (21st October) to take pupils annual photographs. We will send the proofs out as soon as we receive them.

Ear rings

A number of pupils (particularly in Years 1 and 2) are arriving in ear rings on PE days. Please remember that we are not allowed to take pupils' ear rings out. As such if pupils cannot remove their own ear rings then they should be taken out prior to school. PE is a statutory (children have to do it) part of the curriculum.

Discos

Years 1 and 2 will be having a Halloween party on Tuesday 18th October from 4:30pm-5:30pm – Tickets £1 including a drink and crisps.

Years 3 to 6 will be having a Halloween Disco on Tuesday 18th October from 6:30pm-7:45pm – Tickets £2 including a drink and crisps.

Dates for your Diary:

18 th October	Disco
19 th October	Reading Workshop
21 st Oct	Photo day
15 th November	E-safety Day
15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
22 nd November	Parents' Evening (Late)
23 rd November	Parents' Evening