



The Apple

The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham



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Dear Parents/Carer

It has been a fantastic week again here at school. During assembly on Friday I was pleased to see that Riley, Leo and Kacper were able to share the results of the colouring competition that they had organised for a homeless charity. They managed to raise over £30 – an amazing effort.

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Ben Smith (winner of one of the Sports Personality Awards in 2016) to school to take an assembly. He is about to begin a new adventure and asked the children for tips that he can use when it begins. We look forward to seeing him again to see if our advice had any effect!

As I write the school hall is being cleaned and having new markings put down. This is a wonderful development and we are extremely grateful to the Grantham Rotary Club who have donated the money to make this possible.

Finally, tomorrow is going to be extremely exciting as the school football team gets to play on Lincoln City's pitch at half time. We will let you know how it went in next week's newsletter.

Paul Hill

Headteacher

The School Facebook Account

At Isaac Newton School we enjoy using our Facebook and Twitter accounts both to share information and to show what has been going on at school. Please remember that these accounts are not supposed to be used as a forum to share your views or criticise the way in which the school has decided to operate. We are always happy to receive any feedback or answer questions or concerns. The vast majority of such questions can be answered by class teachers or the school office. Failing that Parents/Carers are always welcome to book an appointment with Mr Hill or Mrs Anderson. It would be a real shame if we had to block any member of the school community from the page.

Head Lice

Over the past week it has become apparent that we have more head lice than is usual in the school.

Whilst all schools suffer from the same issue, it would be brilliant if all parents/carers were able to check their children's hair over the half term break. If your child has long hair then ensuring it is tied back makes a huge difference to the spread. By checking hair and tying hair back we will be able to slow the spread and ensure that you do not have to treat your children time and time again.

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to start Reception in September 2018.

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opened on 13th November. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 17 to August 18) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Christmas Dates:

Wednesday 6th December – afternoon

Violin Concert – invites will be sent to Parents/Carers of pupils who are participating

Tuesday 12th December - morning

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 9:30 (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Tuesday 12th December – afternoon

Years 3-6 Christmas Show (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 13th December

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 2:15 (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Thursday 14th December –Christmas Fete

This will take place in the hall straight after school.

Friday 15th December - morning

Years 3-6 Christmas Show (time to be confirmed)

Monday 18th December – morning and afternoon

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show

Tuesday 19th December - Dress for Christmas day

We have chosen this to be our 'Dress for Christmas' day, children are quite welcome to dress up in their school uniforms, or alternatively to wear a Christmas jumper for the day. To take part there will be a donation required of £1.00 which will go towards buying books for our school library

Christmas Fair

We are collecting donations, any of the following would be gratefully received.

- ◆ Christmas food for our hamper
- ◆ Wine for the "Water or Wine" stall
- ◆ Tombola items
- ◆ Sweets
- ◆ Children's tombola items

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and cold spells forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. **We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open.** Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and **most importantly the school website.**

Water Bottles

Can all Parents/Carers please remember that children should have water in the bottles that are allowed in class during the day. Cartons and other juices are great for lunch boxes but we use water for hydration during lessons and break times.