



# The Apple



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## Dear Parents/Carer

I would like to begin the newsletter by saying a huge thank you to all of the pupils who made such an effort for our Lincolnshire Day. We are part of a wonderful county and it was fantastic to look at some of the aspects of Lincolnshire that help to make it such a unique place.

Last Friday we said goodbye to Mrs Fulcher (at least for the time being) as she began her maternity leave. We are delighted to have welcomed Miss Feekins to Isaac Newton. She will be the full time teacher in Year 1 and we are delighted to welcome her to the team.

We will be having our first Parents' Evenings on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Appointment letters will be sent out after half term. It would be great if all Parents/Carers were able to make appointments. The link between home and school is a huge factor in ensuring that pupils make the best progress possible.

Paul Hill  
Headteacher

## A Message from the School Council:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to inform you about the shoe box appeal. If you don't know about this charity, it's to help give children the Christmas they deserve. To help this happen you can donate small toys, such as toy cars, bouncy balls etc. Make



sure that the toys are in a good condition. Please donate to make the children all around the world, that are not as lucky as us, have something to smile about on Christmas Day.

Thankyou

The School Council

## Building Learning Power (BLP)

As a school we believe that children should understand the type of characteristic that they need to have in order to become fantastic learners. In order to do this we use "Building Learning Power". During the year pupils will be focussing on the following characteristics:

### Foundation Stage:

Collaboration, Perseverance, Managing Distractions  
Imagining, Planning, Listening and Empathy

**Year 1** will focus on all of the above plus:

Interdependence, Absorption, Questioning and Planning

**Year 2**, all of the above plus:

Capitalising, Noticing, Reasoning, Meta-learning (learning about how to learn) and Imitation

**Years 3-6**

All of the above

We slowly drip the characteristics into lessons over the year and monitor the traits that pupils display so that we can focus on areas in which pupils may not be as strong. Over the past year BLP has made a huge difference to the learning behaviours of the children and we are looking forward to seeing these develop further again this year.

### Sports Roundup

Both the school netball and football teams have been in action this week. The football team played brilliantly against Belton Road and managed to win 6-0. The netball team played 2 matches and managed to win both. Well done to everybody who played.

### Discos

**Years 1 and 2** will be having a Halloween party on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> October from 6:30pm-7:45pm – Tickets £2 including a drink and crisps.

## Dates for your Diary:

18 <sup>th</sup> October	Disco
15 <sup>th</sup> November	E-safety Day
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents' Evening (Late)
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents' Evening



## Reading Workshop

We will be holding a reading workshop for Parents/Carers on 19<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_