



# The Apple



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## Dear Parents/Carer

It has been a brilliant week with some fantastic learning taking place, particularly in Years 1 and 2. On Monday all of these pupils met some owls! They were able to see the owls close up, ask questions and enhance their understanding of these amazing creatures.



Monday also saw the children in Years 3-6 making use of the new soft surfacing on their playground. The surface has linked the trim trail, playground and stage area such that the pupils will be able to use each area whatever the weather!

On Thursday we had our annual Community Inclusive Trust (CIT) Health Check. CIT is the trust which oversees the way in which we operate as a school. Each year external Headteachers/Senior Teachers from other schools come to spend a day here at Isaac Newton to see how we are doing. We had a great day sharing all of the work that we have done to make the school even better than it was this time last year. The Trust will now produce a report which will be shared with Parents and Carers in the near future.

The girls' football team played in the Grantham Schools Tournament yesterday. They put in some brilliant performances and made it all the way to the final where they were edged out on penalties. Well done to everyone who played!

Today is Armistice/Remembrance Day. In assembly we took time to explain the meaning of the day to pupils and then joined in the silence at 11am. This is a really important part of school life as pupils gain a greater understanding of the history of poppies and are able to reflect on the reasons for which we wear them. The pupils were impeccably behaved.

Paul Hill  
Headteacher

## Christmas Tombola

After half term we will begin to collect donations for the Christmas Tombola. Please hand them in at the school office – they will all be gratefully received.

## Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

This year we have decided to support children in need by having a non-uniform day. We would ask for a donation of £1 in order to participate. This will go directly to Children in need.



## Arriving at School

A number of children have been arriving at school extremely early. Please remember that pupils should not be arriving on the school grounds until 8:35am.

## Coats for Playtimes

Can all Parents/Carers please ensure that all pupils are bringing a coat to school each day. A number of pupils have not been doing so and we would hate to have to keep them inside as the cold weather bites.

## Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and a cold spell 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.**

## Applying for a place in Reception next year

*Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start Reception in September 2017.*

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opens on 14<sup>th</sup> November. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 16 to August 17) 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.

## Parents' Evening

Don't forget that we will be holding Parents' Evenings on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November. If you haven't made an appointment then make sure you do as soon as possible.

### Dates for your Diary:

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