

# The Apple

# The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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# **Dear Parents/Carers**

I would like to begin this newsletter by commending the pupils in Year 6 for the way in which they have worked this week. They have each had to sit at least 6 SATs tests this week! They have applied themselves brilliantly to each of these tests and we are extremely proud of them – not just for their work this week but for the way in which they have developed throughout their time here at Isaac Newton Primary School.

Dr Bike returned to school on Tuesday and managed to get through all except for one of the bikes which he had not mended the week before. We would love to see more children cycling to school and will be able to apply for money for a new bike shed should we be able to increase the numbers in the coming months! As such Dr Bike will be back on Tuesday – this time, from 8:30am, he will be offering a breakfast snack (hopefully a pastry) and a drink to each child that cycles in – cups of coffee will be available for their parents too.

On non-uniform day last week we raised £285 for the Red Cross which will be used to help the recovery effort in Nepal. Since our donation there has been a further earthquake making the situation even more difficult. Thank you for all of your contributions.

Over the past two weeks pupils have been involved in a number of sporting fixtures. Well done to all of the Year 3/4 pupils who ran in the cross country competition. Your behaviour and attitude was brilliant and you made us extremely proud. The Year 3/4 tennis teams have also been in action at Grantham Tennis Club with the A Team managing to win their mini league – well done to all involved.



Paul Hill Headteacher



# **Derwent Road**

A number of cars have been spotted parking on the pavement on Derwent Road before and after school. This has resulted in a number of pupils having to walk on the road in order to continue on their route. This is a matter of huge concern. Please remember to park considerately before and after school.

### Website - Who's Who

Following the school survey we have begun to add members of staff to a "Who's Who" section on the school website. Hopefully this will allow you to see who your children are talking about when they mention members of staff you have not met before.

# **Behaviour Policy – bullying statement**

We are currently reviewing the school behaviour policy and thought it would be a good time to share the way in which we define bullying here at Isaac Newton Primary School. Our new policy will state:

"Bullying is **deliberately** hurtful behaviour that is **repeated** over a period of time, making it difficult for the person concerned to defend themselves".

There are different sorts of bullying, but the main types are:

Physical - hitting, kicking, taking or hiding Verbal - name calling, teasing or insulting Emotional - excluding, tormenting, looks Exclusion – left out of activities/discussions Threatening – any threats to others Cyber - using ICT for any of the above

This definition and the list are not exhaustive – situations will always arise which need our full attention but are not listed here. We would welcome any opinions about this definition prior to approving the new policy at our governors meeting in July (just have a chat with Mr Hill).

### Sickness

A number of children have been returning to school the day after they have been sick. Please ensure that your child has at least one full day away from school in this circumstance as returning early allows illness to spread.

# **Dates for your diary:**

18<sup>th</sup> May
10th June
Y3/4 Leicester Museum
Y5/6 Magna Carta Visit
Week of 15th June
Y1 Phonics Test
Y5/6 Countryside Day
Y24th June
Y24th June
Y24th June
Y25/6 Sports Day
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