



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

Christmas already seems to have been a long time ago! I hope that you all had a great break and enjoyed time spent with your children. I would like to begin the New Year by thanking you all for your support. Prior to the break we raised the following amounts:

Christmas cake sale and tombola - £305.

Hamper raffle -£250 this was used to fund presents for children with the rest going towards new books in the library.

The winning numbers were: Blue 387, White 257, White 470, Pink 214 and White 425. Each of the winners received their prize prior to the holiday.

Christmas Jumper Day - £280.

We were also given our annual certificate from the Royal British Legion which showed that we donated £197 thanks to the Poppy Appeal.

The children are already working hard on their new themes. This term the pupils will be studying the following:

Foundation Stage	We Could Be Heroes
Years 1 and 2	Once Upon a Time
Years 3 and 4	Dragons and Vikings
Years 5 and 6	Watery Worlds

We are really excited about the term ahead and are looking forward to the work that will be produced!

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

6 th Jan	Film Night
10 th Jan	Y4 Trip
11 th Jan	Y3 Trip
18 th Jan	Film Night
1 st Feb	Film Night
5 th Feb	Swim Marathon <i>details to follow</i>
10 th Feb	Last day before half term

Survey Results

Thank you to all of the Parents/Carers who took the time to complete the survey that we sent out prior to the Christmas break. We received 81 responses (double the number the last time we asked for your opinions) and have now collated the results which are as follows:

My child is happy at school:

97% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

My child is safe at school:

98% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

My child makes good progress at the school

91% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

My child is taught well at school:

96% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

My child receives appropriate homework for their age:

89% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best:

94% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

My child has somebody in school who he/she can go to if he/she is worried:

93% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

The school ensures that pupils are well behaved:

90% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement,
10% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed here.

The school deals effectively with bullying:

81% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.
16% of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed here.

The school is well led and managed:

96% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

The school responds well to my concerns:

88% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

I receive valuable information about my child's progress:

94% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

I would recommend Isaac Newton Primary School to another family:

96% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

The statements at the end of the survey had these main points (it is impossible to put every comment so we have collated the trends):

- Additional afterschool clubs – we will look into this
- Some stated that there was too much homework whilst others that there was too little
- Parking came up as an issue – we are unable to open the car park to Parents/Carers for safety reasons and do report the incidents outside the school to the police
- Communication – this was in a variety of formats – we will seek more clarification on this in the near future

We are delighted with the results and will focus on those areas that were not as strong or which were mentioned in the comments sections and we are able to act upon.