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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all after the half term break.

Whilst your children were all enjoying another day off on Monday 1st, our school staff were all looking closely at our school curriculum and ensuring that we are making the most of the amazing opportunities that are available to us in and around Grantham. Not only does this help us to keep the cost of trips down for parents/ carers but it also means that the children have an appreciation of and a knowledge about where they live... they may even then go on to visit some of these places in their spare time too!



Year 4 were already one step ahead of the game though as they had already booked a visit to Belton House! Last week they went on their visit and had a great time sketching and exploring the grounds. You can certainly see that they have applied the sketching skills that they have been practising in school. Here you can see a brilliant sketch produced by Mia!



I can't wait to see some of the work produced as a result of our other trips throughout the school year!

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Girls Football Tournament

Our girls took part in the Grantham & District Football Tournament last week. Drawn in a group with Great Ponton and St Mary's, the girls began with two hard fought matches, winning 1-0 and 3-1. They progressed to the semi-final, playing against Allington and securing another 3-1 win. Onto the final, where the girls came up against a very strong and well drilled team from Malcom Sargent. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be for our girls, they played their hearts out showing real grit and determination. However, they finished as very worthy Runners Up! An amazing achievement by all the girls, a real team effort. Well done to you all, as always you represented Isaac Newton with pride and passion. We couldn't be prouder of you all! A special well done to Laura, who has worked incredibly hard with the girls over the past 6 weeks.



Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings are due to take place on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November. Please note that Miss Jones (Class 14) will be holding her appointments on Tuesday 16th rather than Thursday 18th. Due to current circumstances surrounding Covid-19 we have made the decision to hold these virtually via Microsoft Teams. If you have not yet booked your appointment then please follow the link or scan the QR code below. This is the first time that we have done parents' evening this way so please be patient with us if there are any technical issues!



<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/IsaacNewtonPrimaryParentsEvening@citacademies.co.uk/bookings/>



Playground Leaders

Last week our Year 6 Playground Leaders began their training with Sacha from Inspire+. Over the next 6 weeks they will learn lots of games and fun activities they can use to keep everyone active at playtime and lunchtime. We can't wait to see how they progress over the course!



E-Schools App

Don't forget to download and log into our E-Schools App. The vast majority of our letters and updates will be going out via this app rather than in paper form. If you require any support with setting this up or would like your login and password details then please contact the school office at enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk.



Covid-19 Symptoms

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). The test you need depends on why you're getting tested. The two main tests are:

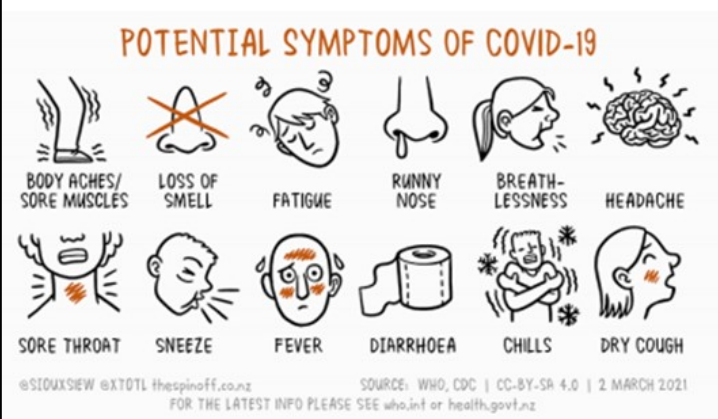
- PCR tests – mainly for people with symptoms.
- Rapid lateral flow tests – for people who do not have symptoms.

Get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms, even if they're mild:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Stay at home until you get the test results – only leave your home to have a test.

Children having to isolate will have work set for them via their Microsoft Teams account. Please ensure that this is completed when your child is well enough to do so. If you need any support with accessing Microsoft Teams then please contact the school office.



Mini Christmas Fair

We will be holding a mini Christmas fair outside, on the Key Stage One playground (the one through the green gate with all the playground markings on). This will take place on Thursday 2nd December at 3.30pm. All money raised will go into our PTA funds and will be spent on things for the children in school. We also hope that it may bring a little bit of Christmas cheer too!

We would be very grateful for any donations of tombola items or a

'sweety jar'. A 'sweety jar' is a decorated jam jar filled with goodies like sweets or chocolate. Please can all donations be handed into the school office by Friday 26th November.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Performances

We have made the difficult decision to not allow parents/ carers to attend Christmas performances again this year. Unfortunately due to the number of parents/ carers that we have and the space that is available to us in the school hall, we do not feel that we are able to do this



safely considering the current Covid-19 situation. We are also aware that many parents/ carers do not feel comfortable attending busy indoor events such as performances and we do not want anyone to miss out being able to see their child perform (even if this is virtually). We will therefore be recording our Christmas performances and sharing these with you via a password protected link.

Our planned schedule is as follows:

EYFS Nativity- recording on 7th December with link to be shared with parents by the end of that week.

Year 1 Nativity & Year 2-6 Christmas shows- recording on 13th December with link to be shared with parents by the end of that week.

A letter will be sent home regarding performances shortly. There will be the opportunity for you to withdraw your child from performances should you not wish for them to be part of a video that will be shared securely with the school community.

If you have any questions in meantime then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Heathcote via the school office.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner day will be on Thursday 9th December. If you want to order your child a hot lunch on this day then you will need to do this online via Ideal Meals (our food provider). Information about how to do this is on our school website: https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/web/school_meals/63865. Alternatively you can contact the school office and they will support you with this.

Important Dates

Term 2:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021 - Friday 17 th December
Nov 29th	Year 4 Art Visit- Sleaford Hub
Dec 2nd	EYFS Christmas Visit- Rand Farm Park
Dec 7th	Year 5 visit - Space Centre
Dec 9th	Christmas Dinner
Term 3:	Wednesday 5 th January 2022 - Friday 11 th February
Term 4:	Monday 21 st February 2022 - Friday 1 st April 2022
Term 5:	Tuesday 19 th April 2022 - Friday 27 th May 2022
Term 6:	Monday 6 th June 2022 - Friday 22 nd July 2022