



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the Autumn Term. It seems like it was just the other day that we returned from the Summer Holiday and began the new academic year. It has been a brilliant term in which we have continued to strive to ensure that all children can achieve their potential. I have always known I was fortunate to arrive at a school with such brilliant staff and I would like to thank them all for their hard work this term. I have now been at Isaac Newton for a full year! I have loved every minute so far and feel fortunate to be part of such a great school community.

This week has been packed full of events and the children have behaved brilliantly throughout. The Year 1-6 performances were wonderful on Monday and Tuesday it was great to see so many adults coming to each show.

Wednesday's class parties were really exciting and the children have done brilliantly to keep going at full steam during this tiring period.

Last week saw our Bronze Sports Ambassadors visit Huntingtower School where they attended an assembly and helped to introduce the work that we are doing with Sarah Outen (last week's letter). Both Shana and Hope did brilliantly.

Our Christmas Jumper Day raised over £230 and the tombola and cake sale was a huge success raising over £300. Thank you to the Sleaford and District Lionesses (all volunteers) who came in to make the cakes with the pupils.

Finally, thank you all for your support this term. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that you all have a great break from school.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Uniform and Appearance

During the build up to Christmas the appearance of a number of children has changed. As a school we are extremely proud of the appearance of pupils at the school. We will be having a close look at pupils' appearance and uniform after the holidays to ensure that our usual high standards are maintained.

Lozenges, Lip Salve and Nasal Decongestants

Since the weather has cooled a number of children have been bringing in Lozenges, Lip Gloss and Nasal Decongestants. Schools are always on difficult ground when it comes to these items as we are only able to allow pupils to use medicines prescribed by the doctor when at school. As such please do not send Lozenges or Nasal Decongestants into school. Lip Salve is slightly different as it is sensible to ensure that chapped lips are protected and it is not a matter for the doctor. Should your child need Lip Salve then we would request that it is named and that your child hands it to their class teacher who will ensure that it is available prior to break times.

Returning to school after Christmas

Children will return to school on Tuesday 6th January.

Home School Agreements

Whilst many Parents/Carers have returned the new Home School Agreement a number have not. This is an essential document for each child's time in the school as it ensures that pupils have access to all of the resources needed and share our expectations. If you have lost your copy then please pop to the school office – you can check the wording on the school website and then sign the slip when arriving at the office.

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 (BBC Lincolnshire), word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and **most importantly the school website.**

Christmas Card Recycling

After Christmas we will be recycling Christmas Cards to raise money for "Inspire+" our local sports charity.

Christmas Hamper Winner,

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas Hamper we raised. The winner was:

Kylah-Marie in the Foundation Stage