



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, I can't believe that we are already at the end of our first half term. It's been fantastic to see the return of school trips in particular and I know that the children (and staff) have really enjoyed these. We still have lots more planned for next term half term, as well as our school nativities and Christmas shows! We do not yet know whether we will be able to invite parents/ carers to our Christmas performances as this will depend on guidance at the time and the situation with Covid-19. We will however ensure that you will be able to see these in some way, shape or form, even if this is virtually!

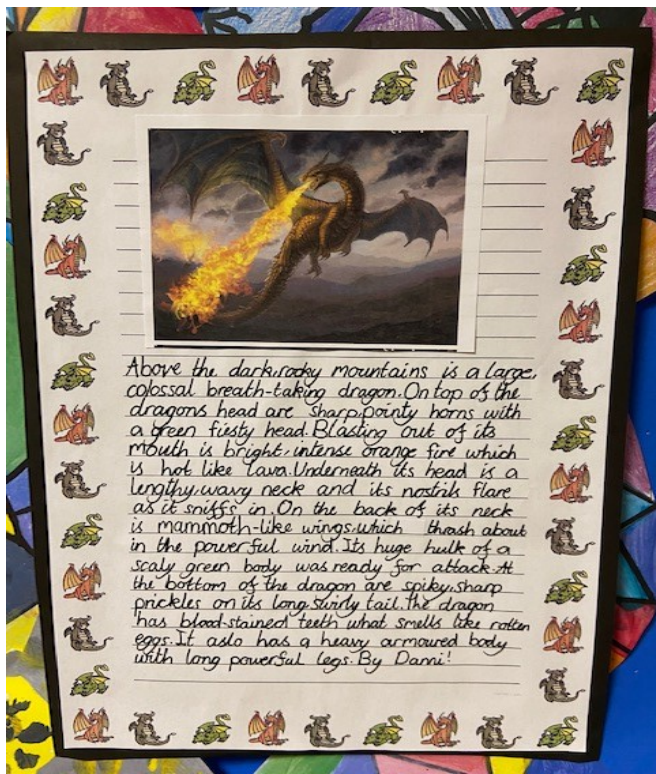
A huge thank you to all of our parents/ carers who completed our community survey. I am currently working my way through the responses and looking at things that the school does well but also ways in which we can improve. I will write to you all to let you know the results of this survey and the improvements that the school will be making.

Surveys are really important and do lead to change in school. As a result of feedback from the last survey we set up the E-Schools app and now email information out regularly. I hope that you feel that this has improved school communication as this was an area which many of you highlighted as being a concern.

I would like to wish you all a restful half term break and very much look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on **Tuesday 2nd November**. Please remember that children return on the Tuesday as Monday 1st is an INSET day.

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher



Above the dark rocky mountains is a large colossal breath-taking dragon. On top of the dragons head are sharp pointy horns with a green fiery head. Blasting out of its mouth is bright intense orange fire which is hot like lava. Underneath its head is a lengthy wavy neck and its nostrils flare as it sniffs in. On the back of its neck is mammoth-like wings which thrash about in the powerful wind. Its huge hulk of a scaly green body was ready for attack. At the bottom of the dragon are spiky sharp prickles on its long sturdy tail. The dragon has blood stained teeth what smells like rotten eggs. It also has a heavy armoured body with long powerful legs. By Danni!

Year One Story Sharing

Thank you so much to all the parents/ carers who attended our Year One story sharing events. We had over 20 parents attend which is fantastic. We will be holding further story sharing events next year and would really encourage as many of you as possible to attend. Not only are these great fun but hopefully you will also pick up some ideas about how to support your child with reading at home!



Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings at due to take place on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November. Due to current circumstances surrounding Covid-19 we have made the decision to hold these virtually via Microsoft Teams. A letter will be sent home in the first week back after half term, explaining how you can book an appointment.

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Inspire+ Visits

Last week Year 5 were lucky to have two visitors from Inspire+ who came to run a wellbeing session. The girls were with Sophie Devenish, who worked on Girls In Sport; how to become more involved and believe in yourself. The boys were with Kane Goswell, who took them for an active session, working on team work and resilience. The children loved every minute of their sessions, with many girls coming away believing 'they can do it' and the boys full of energy and excitement. A huge thank you to both Sophie and Kane for coming to visit our children and we can't wait to have you back again soon!



E-Schools App

Don't forget to download and log into our E-Schools App. After the October half term, many of our letters and updates (including the newsletter) will be going out via this app. 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.



Netball Matches

The Grantham & District Netball League has begun, following a two year break due to covid. We have entered a team and been placed in League 1 where we will play matches against 4 other schools. Last week it was the turn of Belmont, Grantham Prep and Long Bennington.



Our first match against Belmont started well, lots of passing and moving with some great shooting. We worked hard and won the game 6-0. Next was Grantham Prep and we got off to a shaky start, conceding 3 goals in the first half. After a strong team talk from Mrs Walker they came out in the second half with determination and attack. We were unlucky not to score any goals, but we were able to defend well, keeping the final score at 3-0. Finally we played Long Bennington. A great team performance this time, lots of movement from each player and some sensational shooting from Alex. We secured a 6-0 win again!

A huge well done to all the team, our first competitive netball games for 2 years and the first time for most children representing Isaac Newton. Special mention to our players of the match; Mateusz, Thea and Alex.

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:

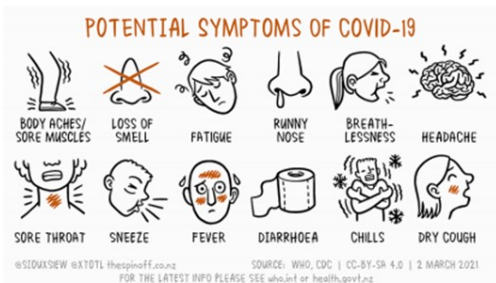
- PCR tests – mainly for people with symptoms.
- Rapid lateral flow tests – for people who do not have symptoms.

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/ if children are well enough to do so. If you need any support with accessing Microsoft Teams then please contact the school office.



Squid Game

Squid game is a current series on Netflix which has become increasingly popular over the last month or so. It has a rating of 15 but this has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok, with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.



As a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix, in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.



If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children, that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.

Important Dates

Term 1:	Monday 6th September 2021 – Friday 22 nd October 2021
Oct 22nd	Last day of term
Term 2:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021 - Friday 17 th December 2021
Nov 2nd	First Day of Term
Nov 3rd	Y4 Belton House Visit
Nov 8th	School Photographer
Nov 29th	Year 4 Art Visit- Sleaford Hub
Dec 2nd	EYFS Christmas Visit- Rand Farm Park
Dec 9th	Christmas Dinner
Term 3:	Wednesday 5 th January 2022 - Friday 11 th February 2022
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

