



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

As we approach the Easter break we continue to pack in activities here at Isaac Newton School to ensure that the children are making great progress. This week has been extremely busy with lots of great news to share.

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to all of those Parents and Carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. This is a really important part of school life allowing us to talk to you about the progress that your child is making. I hope that you all now have a great understanding of the successes that your child is having and know what can be done to ensure that they continue to make great progress.

During the week we finally managed to gather all of the sponsorship money that was pledged for the swimathon. We have raised an incredible £1826 for Grantham Rotary Club. I know that the Rotarians will be extremely grateful for this amazing donation.

On Wednesday we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by wearing odd socks. We discussed the way in which difference is fantastic and enhances our lives. This afternoon we will be practicing Makaton (sign language) in assembly!

Two of our football teams were in action on Tuesday (in the local derby against St John's). I am delighted to report that both teams won – but more importantly that the team work was excellent.

Finally, the Year 6s have been at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park today whilst the Year 5s visited yesterday. I know that they have all had a brilliant time and that the trip has deepened their understanding of the range and diversity of animals within the world. This really helps with science when we are looking at habitat and adaptation.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Tombola – Change of Date

On Wednesday 28th March we will be holding a chocolate tombola on the Infant playground. Any donations of Easter Eggs would be gratefully received. The money raised from the tombola will add to the funds raised towards installing a defibrillator here at school.

SATs week

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the dates below.

Mon 14 th May	Grammar test followed by: Spelling Test
Tuesday 15 th May	Reading test
Weds 16 th May	Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) followed by Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thurs 17 th May	Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)

We do not want the pupils to become stressed or disenchanted with school during the build-up. As such we have explained that we do not mind how each pupil does so long as they try their hardest. The SATs are important as they are used to gauge future progress, especially in Year 11 (GCSE year). Doing well now is a firm foundation for the future.



Percentage Attendance	Days off per year	School Time Missed By Year 6
100%	0	0
95%	9½	$\frac{1}{3}$ of a school year
90%	19	$\frac{2}{3}$ of a school year
85%	28½	1 whole school year
80%	38	One and $\frac{1}{3}$ school years
75%	47½	1 and $\frac{2}{3}$ school years

Dates For Your Diary:

29 th March	Last day in school before Easter
16 th April	Return to school after Easter
TBC	Dance-a-thon for NSPCC