

# The Apple



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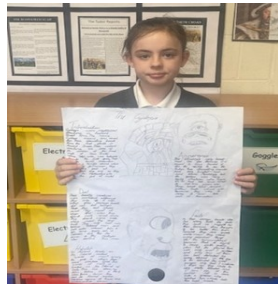
## Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you managed to have a great half term holiday. The next term is traditionally a very busy one with lots going on; activities, visits and performances and the chance for you to join us in school. Please take a close look at the diary dates within this newsletter which will give you all of the information you need and we will keep updated.

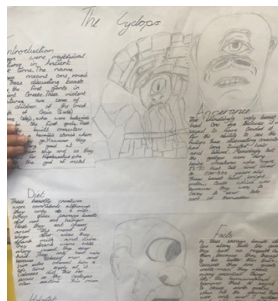


On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the Trust (CIT) will be interviewing for a new headteacher to take over from me once I leave in January. It is likely that this person will not be able to start until after the Easter holidays and the plan continues to be that Mrs Pask will step up to the role of acting headteacher until the new headteacher starts. We will keep you updated regarding the situation.

A big well done to Kayla in Year 5 for some amazing work in English! I was blown away by the presentation and quality of her non-chronological report about The Cyclops. When she came to show me, I had three potential headteacher candidates who had just toured the school in my office and they were all just as amazed as I was.



A big thank you to all Parents/ Carers who completed our survey. We had some amazing feedback and I would like to personally thank you all for your support and recognition of our hard work here at Isaac Newton. Like you, we are very, VERY proud of our school. We will write to you all in due course summarising the results and also outlining some of the actions that we will be taking following your feedback.



*Mr Heathcote*

Mr Heathcote  
(Headteacher)

## Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will take place this week on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. You should have had an appointment slot from your child's class teacher regarding his. Please can we ask that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment so that you have time to look through your child's work. You should enter via the main school doors before going down to your child's classroom, where you will find their tray and their work. If you have asked for an appointment with Mrs Beeby then you should also have received a time slot for this. During Parents Evenings, Mr Heathcote and Mrs Pask will be around should you wish to discuss anything with them.

It is vitally important that Parents/ Carers attend Parents Evenings so that you are aware of your child's progress and how you can help support them at home. If you have not yet booked an appointment then please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

## Remembrance

On Friday the school came together to mark Remembrance Day. Years 1-6 gathered on our KS2 playground where Mr Heathcote performed a reading, we listened to the Last Post and our eldest Year 6 boy & girl laid the school wreath. As always the children were all very respectful as we marked this important Day. In assembly last Monday we also discussed Remembrance and the concept of 'Service'. Mr Heathcote also read the story 'Where The Poppies Now Grow' and we learnt about where the symbol of the poppy came from.





### Christmas Dates

Tuesday 6th December - afternoon  
Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 2:15pm  
(or once we have got our costumes on!)

Wednesday 7th December - morning  
Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 9:30am  
(or once we have got our costumes on!)

Tuesday 13th December – morning  
Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin a 9:30am  
Tuesday 13th December – afternoon  
Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin a 2:15pm

Wednesday 14th December –  
Music Concert – invites will be sent to Parents/  
Carers of pupils who are participating (2.15pm  
start)

Thursday 15th December - morning  
Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin at  
9.30am

Thursday 15th December - afternoon  
Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin at  
2.45pm

Tickets for performances will be available from  
the school office, Monday 21st November.  
These will be limited to 2 tickets per family, and  
will be on a first come first served basis. We are  
only able to accommodate a limited number of  
people due to Fire Regulations.

Tickets for the Music Concert will be sent out to  
the Parents/Carers of children involved.

Please note that **you will not be able to collect your child until their normal finish time which is 3.35pm for children in Years 3-6 and 3.30pm for children in EYFS-Year 2.** We have timed our afternoon performances to coincide as closely as possible with the end of the school day. You are welcome to remain in the school hall until your child's collection time, at which point we would ask that you leave and go to the external classroom door as normal. Thank you for your understanding.

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be available for children on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have a meal on this day then you need to ensure that this is ordered online through Ideal Meals. The cost of a meal is £2.30 and the deadline to order is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. If you have not got an account, then you will need to sign up at the following link: <https://schoolmealsonline.com/login>. If you require any support with this then please get in touch with Julie at the school office.

### Christmas Hamper Donations

We will be raffling off Christmas hampers at our Christmas performances to help us raise money for school funds. We're currently looking for donations, anything which you can give would be gratefully received. Please can you leave your donations with the school office.



### Christmas Jumper Day

We will be inviting children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 7th December. We have chosen this day to coincide with our Christmas lunches. Please can we ask that children bring in a small donation of between 50p and £1 in return for wearing their Christmas jumper. All money raised will go to the 'Save the Children' Charity.

**Children should be in their normal school uniform on this day apart from a Christmas jumper.**

### Jewellery

Please can we remind Parents/ Carers that the only jewellery that is permitted within school are plain studded earrings or a watch. Children are not permitted to wear necklaces, rings or bracelets unless these are for a religious reason. This this is the case then this must be communicated to Mr Heathcote in writing. We have allowed children to have items relating to Remembrance last week but these are now no longer permitted also. Thank you for helping us to maintain our high standards of school uniform.

### Coats

The weather is now beginning to turn colder. Please can we ask that children are coming to school with their coats. Coats should be warm and suitable for the cold weather. If children do not have a coat in school and the weather is cold then we may not be able to let them go out at playtime. Thank you for your support.

## **Supermarket Vouchers**

£100 supermarket vouchers (per child) for families who are eligible for free school meals (pupil premium) will be provided for the Christmas holidays. These have been sent to families via email today. If you have not received a voucher please contact the school office, however please check your spam/junk email folder before doing so. Please also ensure that the school has a correct and up-to-date email address for you.

Only families who are recorded as eligible on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November will receive vouchers. Families who become eligible after that will not receive a voucher on this occasion. If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals (pupil premium) and they are not currently registered then please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on future vouchers.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

## **Safeguarding**

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child then you should report this immediately. You can report this to the school or directly to Children and Young People's Services (Social Services).

## **Children and Young People's Services Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire:**

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111. Email: [lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## **Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Beeby. Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Mr Heathcote or Mrs Pask who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads.



## **Upcoming Dates:**

18th Nov	Children in Need
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Rand Farm Visit
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 Greek Workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 Woolsthorpe Manor Visit

## **Please see 'Christmas Dates' Section**

## **School Term Dates:**

Term 2 31 Oct- 16 Dec  
Christmas Break

Term 3 3 Jan- 10 Feb  
February Break

Term 4 20 Feb- 30 March  
Easter Break

Term 5 17 April- 26 May  
May Break

Term 6 5 Jun - 21 Jul  
Summer Holiday

## **REMEMBER**

## **Friday 18th November 22**

## **Children in Need**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Children In Need and the theme is 'Spotacular.' With this in mind, the children are invited to come dressed in Non-uniform and if they would like to they can wear 'Something Spotty'.

We would appreciate any donation to raise funds for this good cause. This could be any spare pennies but no more than £1. We have a Pudsey Bear to place all the donations on in school.

