# **Dates For Your Diary:** School Term Dates: Term 1 4 Sept - 18 Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Parents Evening (3.45-8.00pm) October Break 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Parents Evening (3.45-5.00pm) Term 2 29 Oct - 19 Dec Christmas Break 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Flu Immunisation Term 3 6 Jan - 13 Feb February Break Christmas Fayre 11<sup>th</sup> Dec (3:30pm—5:00pm in the School Hall) Term 4 24 Feb - 2 Apr Easter Break Term 5 20 Apr - 22 May Violin Concert Class 5 and 10 12<sup>th</sup> Dec May Break (Invitation Only) Term 6 1 Jun - 21 Jul 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Summer Holiday Christmas Lunch GEREST What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE AGE RESTRICTION IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO Top Tips for Parents SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKI LIMIT GAME TIN RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM







# The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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## **Dear Parents/Carer**

Attendance for the term

What a brilliant half term. We have packed so much in that the children and staff must all be exhausted. This week has been no different as we enjoyed the school discos,

had photos taken and even enjoyed a reading workshop with our reception children and their parents/ carers!

A huge thank you to everyone who came and was involved in the organisation of the event. We hope it gave you a few more ideas about

reading at home with your children and also that you enjoy your free copy of the book 'The Cave'!

I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you again in a week's time. Please remember that the children will return to school on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Chris Heathcote** 

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Headteacher

Attendance continues to improve at school and for the last academic year (2018-19) we were above the national average for the first time in our recent history, achieving 96.1%. Thank you for all of your support! As the national average has now risen to 96%, we need to ensure that we maintain this momentum and that attendance continues to improve. Unfortunately there are a number of children who are not attending as well as they could. This means that we need to send letters home and this may eventually lead to a fine. If you do get a letter then please do all that you can in order to ensure that your child is at school as often as possible.

Every School Day Counts Your Child Deserves an Education					
190	10 days absence				
school	180 19 days absence				
days in	days of education	171 days of education	29 days absence		
each year			161 days of	38 days absence	
				152	47 days absence
			education	days of	143
				education	days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor		
This is the best chance of success. Get your child off to a flying start. You should be aiming for 96% and above.		WORRYING Less chance of success. It's harder for your child to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child. Could lead to court action or Fixed Penalty Notice.	

## Poppies (Remembrance Day)

Each year the Royal British Legion distribute poppies throughout the nation. We always support the poppy appeal and use assembly to explain the significance of Remembrance Day. As such, we will be collecting donations for poppies upon our return from the half term break. Children will simply need to bring a suitable donation to school.



### Halloween in Class 14!

Class 14 have been doing some pumpkin carving this week and then writing Halloween inspired poems! What fantastic

carvings, cut with skill and precision. A big thank you to Mrs Walker who provided some of the pumpkins from her allotment!



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### Aldi Kit For Schools Campaign

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated stickers for the Aldi campaign. We managed to fill our poster and will now be receiving a free kit to use as part of our PE sessions!

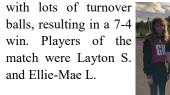
### Football

The football teams have played their first matches of the league this week against Huntingtower. The A team had a hard fought game with some brilliant saves from both Goalkeepers. They managed to secure a hard fought 3-1 win, players of the match were Jack S. and Cole G-R. who were superb in defence.

The newly formed B Team showed excellent skills on the ball and worked well together. Again both Goalkeepers played fantastically well resulting in only one goal scored. A 1-0 win for Isaac Newton!! Players of the match were Liam C. and Riley C.

### Netball

The Netball team have made a great start to the season with preliminary matches played at Priory Ruskin. Our first match was against Marston where we won 4-1, showing great passing and movement. The second match against Belmont had the team working hard



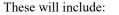
The second round of netball matches were played last night. We

began playing a friendly against Grantham Prep. A tentative start where we had to dig deep to create chances but once the team found their feet they were able to win 8-4. Player of the match going to Charlie H. The second game against St Sebastian saw a fantastic team performance with some great shooting and defending, resulting in an 8-0 win. Player of the match was Amelia K.

#### **Christmas Fayre**

Our school Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday  $11^{\text{th}}$ 

December, from 3.30pm-5.00pm in the school hall. After half term we will begin to collect donations for the Christmas Fayre.



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- Tombola items
- Toys and books for children (in good condition)
- Bottles of wine
- Sweets
- Chocolate Bars

Please hand in any donations to the school office- they will all be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

#### **Amazing Artwork**

Our Year 3 and 4 children are going to have some of their fantastic art work displayed at a real art gallery! Theresa Lynch (who used to work at the school as a TA) kindly came over to collect the work and we look forward to finding out what other people think of it. A huge thank you to Mrs Yates for organising this!



#### Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. However, If your child is in Reception to Year 2 and you are in receipt of the benefits listed below the school can receive additional funding. We would encourage you to apply for this to enable us to access this funding to help us to further enhance the opportunities that we provide for the children. If your child is in Years 3 to 6 they may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- 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  $\pounds 16,190$ )
- 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 2019 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you are eligible, you will have to apply yourself via Lincolnshire County Council's online free school meals application service using the following: <u>https://lcc.cloud.servelec</u> <u>synergy.com/parentportal</u>

If you need any support with the process then please do not hesitate to pop into the school office.

### **Healthy Packed Lunches**

Good nutrition in childhood can help to prevent a variety of health problems, both in the short term and later in life. There is increasing concern that many children are consuming too much fat, sugar and salt and too little fibre, fruit and vegetables. Packed lunches can contribute to almost a third of a child's weekly food intake and therefore need to be balanced and nutritious.

A good packed lunch contains:

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- A starchy food, such as bread, rolls, pitta bread, naan bread, potatoes, rice, noodles. (These foods are good for children to fill up on.)
- A good source of protein, iron and zinc such as meat, fish, beans or eggs.
- A good source of calcium such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.
- One portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad to provide all the other vitamins and minerals. A piece of fruit could be a piece of fresh fruit, dried fruit or tinned fruit in fruit juice. A piece of vegetable could be fresh vegetables such as a carrot stick, salad or a vegetable dish.



