



The Apple



The news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We're already entering into the Christmas spirit here at Isaac Newton. Our Christmas tree is up in the school reception and our Christmas flag is flying. It was amazing how these things managed to happen whilst I was out of school for only an hour!

We've got lots of exciting things planned for the children over the festive period. These include: a virtual pantomime, Christmas performances & Christmas activity days. Our Christmas activity days are a replacement to our Christmas parties, which we used to do in school. These will take place on Friday 17th December (the last day of term) and we will provide the children with some snacks and drinks as part of this. Children will spend part or all of the day engaged in a range of different Christmas themed activities organised by their class teacher. Parents/ Carers will not need to send in additional food for their children as with Christmas parties.

We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Monday December 13th this year. This is to coincide with the recording of our Year 2- 6 Christmas Shows so that the children can wear their jumpers for these. We are not asking for a donation this year. I can't wait to see all the pupils (and staff) looking festive in their jumpers!

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation for Children In Need. We raised a grand total of £263.39!



Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner for the children will be on Thursday 9th December. If you would like to order a Christmas dinner for your child on this day then you need to place this by Monday 29th November. Those children who are entitled to a free school meal, will receive this as normal.

EYFS Christmas Tree Decorations

A huge well done to our EYFS pupils who made some amazing Christmas decorations for St Wulfram's Church in Grantham. A big thank to Mrs Fulcher and Mrs Addelee who kindly went down and decorated the tree for us. It looks great!



Bronze Ambassador Training

Our Bronze Ambassadors, Fabian and Conni, completed the first session in their training this week. They learned all about what it means to be an ambassador, how they can encourage all members of our school community to be more active and how they can support the PE Department to arrange games and fixtures. They are looking forward to competing various challenges over the coming year! Well down to you both!



E-Schools App

Don't forget to download and log into our E-Schools App. The vast majority of our letters and updates will be going out via this app rather than in paper form. 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.



Christmas Holiday Club

If your child is in recipient of benefit related free school meals (pupil premium) then they can have access to a FREE holiday camp during the Christmas holidays.

Holiday camps will take place on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st December 2021 at the Meres Leisure Centre (8.30am-5.30pm). There is a letter providing further information on our school website: <https://www.isaacnewton-cit.co.uk/.../christmas.../584966>. This letter has also been sent out via the e-schools app.

Places are limited so we would recommend that you book on as soon as possible. This holiday club is ONLY for pupils who are in recipient of benefit related free school meals (pupil premium).

Mini Christmas Fair

We will be holding a mini Christmas fair outside, on the Key Stage One playground (the one through the green gate with all the playground markings on). This will take place on Thursday 2nd December at 3.30pm. All money raised will go into our PTA funds and will be spent on things for the children in school. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mixed Football Tournament

We entered two teams into the Mixed Football Tournament last week. Both drawn in different groups, they had to play 3 matches each to hopefully progress to the next stage. The A Team played some super football and were able to win their group, putting them through to the semi-final. The B team finished an amazing second in their group, meaning they went into the 5th/6/7th/8th play-off places.



The A team were drawn against Malcolm Sargent in their semi-final and despite their best efforts just fell short to gain a place in the final. They went on to play for 3rd and 4th place against Gonerby Hill Foot, where neither team were able to put a goal in the net. They finished a fantastic joint

3rd place and worthy bronze medalists!!

The B team played their final game against Belmont, who the A Team drew with 1-1 in their initial league games. With some excellent passing and team work they were able to win the game 1-0 and therefore finish in 5th place!!



Well done to all the boys that took part, your team work and support of each other was a real joy to see. As always, another proud moment for us all at Isaac Newton!

Tag Rugby Festival

We took a very excited group of year 3/4 children to the local rugby festival this week. They took part in a variety of games and activities to learn all about the game of rugby. They all had a brilliant time, represented school exceptionally and all got a bit muddy in the process!! Well done to all you of you, your smiles were so lovely to see!



Important Dates

Term 2:	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021 - Friday 17 th December 2021
Nov 29th	Year 4 Art Visit- Sleaford Hub
Dec 2nd	EYFS Christmas Visit- Rand Farm Park
Dec 2nd	Christmas Fair (After School- KS1 Playground)
Dec 7th	Year 5 visit - Space Centre
Dec 9th	Christmas Dinner
Dec 13th	Christmas Jumper Day
Dec 17th	Christmas Activity Day
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

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–16 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

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