

The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carer

I can't believe that we are already approaching the final half term of the year – time has flown. As I reflect on all that has happened since our return in April I am immensely proud of the children's achievements. The range and quality of work has been exceptional and I am sure that this will continue when the children return on Tuesday 5th June.

I was delighted that the new school flag arrived this week and is now flying proudly next to the main reception – it looks fantastic!



There have been two sporting events this week. The Year 4 Tennis Team competed in the Grantham finals playing brilliantly and coming 2nd. The Year 6 Rounders team were also in the Grantham Tournament and gained the bronze medal!

Finally, thank you to all members of the school community who attended the Bingo evening on Wednesday – after 4 years of trying I finally won some chocolate. I would like to say a special thanks to Mrs Toole and the rest of the staff who organised the event.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Holiday Applications

There has been an influx of holiday requests in the past two weeks. Please remember that these will not be authorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances. The vast majority of pupils taking holiday in school time have been recorded as unauthorised absence since a change in government policy 3 years ago. Please remember that pupils' regular attendance at school makes a huge difference to their outcomes.

Parents/Carers of children walking on the wall at the corner of Goodliffe/Dysart Road

Please be aware that the above named wall is currently unstable. A number of pupils have been walking along the wall despite there being a warning tape wrapped around the unstable area. Please do not allow you children to walk along it. We would hate for somebody to be injured.

School Shoes

A number of children have been attending school either in trainers or in sandal like shoes. Please remember that pupils' shoes should cover their feet entirely and that school shoes do form part of our uniform. We do not allow sandals or strappy shoes as they leave parts of the foot exposed which can mean that we get an increased number of injuries during break and lunch playtimes.

Bullying

Each year we ensure that we review the school's definition of bullying. Following previous consultations we define bullying as follows:

"Bullying is **deliberately** hurtful behaviour that is **repeated** or *has the potential to be repeated* over a period of time, making it difficult for the person concerned to defend themselves".

Within this we know that bullying can take the following forms:

Physical - hitting, kicking, taking or hiding

Verbal - name calling, teasing or insulting

Emotional - excluding, tormenting, looks

Exclusion – left out of activities/discussions

Threatening – any threats to others

Cyber - using ICT (computers, phones, tablets, consoles etc) for any of the above

This definition and the list are not exhaustive – situations will always arise which need our full attention but are not listed here.

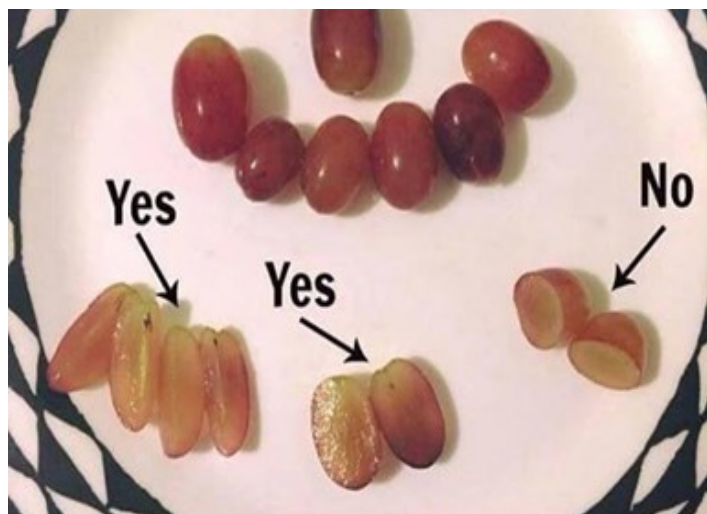
We would welcome any opinions about this definition so that we can refine or change aspects of it as rapid changes in society impact the experiences that children have on a day to day basis.

Illness

Please can all Parents and Carers remember to call school to let us know if your child is ill. This saves a huge amount of time for office staff and allows us to ensure that we are able to record absences accurately.

Grapes

A number of children have been bringing grapes in their packed lunch can Parents/Carers please ensure that they are cut in half LENGTH ways where this is the case:



PANTS:

As a school we are always seeking to ensure that pupils know how to keep themselves safe. This week Mrs Dickson has reminded some of the children about the underwear rule (PANTS) it would be great if Parents/Carers could remind children of this at home



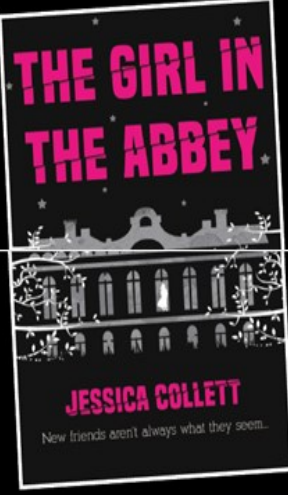
Charity Car Wash

There will be a charity car wash and family fun day taking place at The Priory Pub (Dysart Road) on 9th June. £5 per car, there will also be a raffle and tombola. All proceeds will go to the Born Still- Still Born charity.

Two years ago a student teacher named Jessica Collett completed a teaching placement here at Isaac Newton School. I am delighted to let you know that she has released her first book and will be signing copies at WHSmith 11am on 2nd June:

FROM LOCAL AUTHOR

JESSICA COLLETT




Evacuated from her home during the bombing raids of World War Two, Violet Cobb, a fearless girl from Grimsby, suddenly finds herself far away from her friends and family. She is left on the doorstep of Bramblingham Abbey which sits in a quiet village crumbling from neglect behind an ever-expanding jungle of vegetation.

Violet befriends a girl called Sarah who claims to be the granddaughter of the mysterious owner of the Abbey. Together, the two girls go exploring and Violet soon discovers that Bramblingham Abbey isn't the only one keeping secrets...

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Jessica Collett is a writer inspired by looking back into the past. A graduate of History, she enjoys spinning tales based around unbelievable true-life tales, and takes her focus from tests of strength, hardship, and fantasy from the annals of history. She has previously published young adult fiction and her play 'Mother, Crone, Maiden' was performed as part of the Page to Stage festival in Liverpool to excellent reviews. Jessica lives and works in Grantham, Lincolnshire. She has previously worked as a copywriter and is currently training to become a teacher.



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Dates For Your Diary:

12 th June	Year 4 trip
13 th June	Year 3 trip
26 th June	Year 1 trip and Year 5 Trip
27 th June	Year 2 trip
28 th June	Years 3 - 6 Sports Day
4 th July	FS, Years 1 & 2 Sports Day