

# The Apple

***The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham***



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## Dear Parents/Carer

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a great Christmas and managed to enjoy the break from school. We dived straight back into our learning this week and are really excited about the term ahead.

Our themes for the term are as follows:

Reception: We could be heroes

Year 1/2: Castles and Knights

Year 3/4: World War Two

Year 5/6: Watery Worlds

The homework grids and overviews of the curriculum are now available in the "Homework" section of the school website.

Our teachers have organised many exciting trips and experiences for the children to help them get even more excited about their learning. Our first trip will be for our Year 3 and 4 children who will be visiting Beaumanor Hall next week, where they will find out what life would have been like during WWII.

We're all very much looking forward to the term ahead and I can't wait to see all of the fantastic work that our children will produce and the progress that they will make in 2019!

**Chris Heathcote**

**Headteacher**

## Swimarathon

The annual Rotary Club 'Swimarathon' takes place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We have now filled all of the places in our teams- a huge thank you to all those who have agreed to take part. If you find that you are unable make the event then please see Mrs Toole or Mrs Haddock ASAP as we can then offer your place to someone on our waiting list. I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all on the day and swimming along with you- good luck with the sponsors!

## Goodbye Mrs Wilkinson

It is with much sadness that I write to inform you that Mrs Wilkinson (our class 12 teacher) will be leaving us at some point after half term. Many of you may know that Mrs Wilkinson has recently purchased a house in Leicestershire and will soon be moving there permanently to be with her family. We are currently advertising for a replacement teacher and will update you once we have made an appointment. Mrs Wilkinson will continue to work with her class in the meantime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wilkinson for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future- she will be greatly missed by all of us here at Isaac Newton.

## New Age Kurling Success

Congratulations to our team of 'New Age Kurlers', who competed at the Meres on Thursday. The team played fantastically well, winning 5 games, drawing 1 and narrowly losing 1. Their teamwork was excellent, supporting each other and improving with each game played. They came third and were rewarded with bronze medals.



## Key Stage Two School Disco (Years 3-6)

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a school disco for our Key Stage Two children, to raise money for our PTA funds. Tickets will cost £2.00 and they will go on sale on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January on a first come first served basis.

## Easter Chocolate Tombola

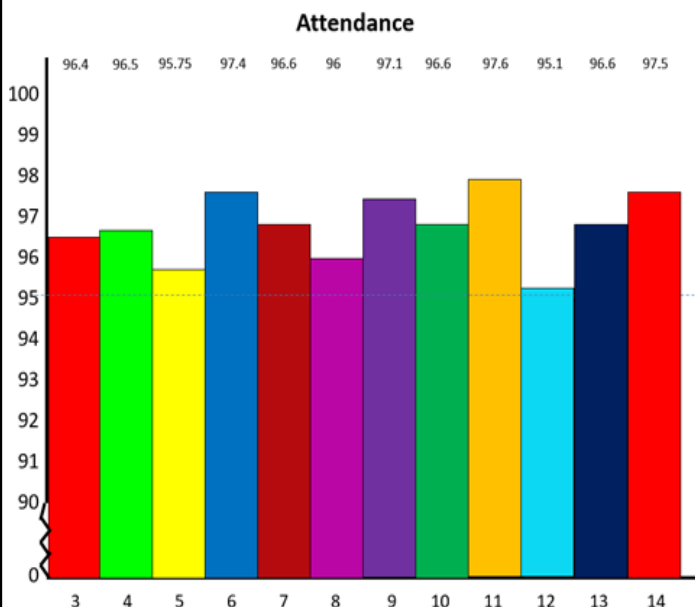
Later in the year, we will be holding an Easter chocolate tombola to raise money for school funds. If you have any unwanted chocolate from Christmas, which you would like to donate for this event, then it will be gratefully received. Please drop off any donations to the school office. Thank you for your support.

## Final Assembly

Our final assembly before the Christmas holidays saw 14 children being awarded with an achievement medal. This is an amazing award to be selected for as it only happens once a term!



We also announced the class winning the attendance award. Well done to class 11 – you will now be able to organise a treat. We are currently at 96.4% attendance as a whole school, beating our attendance percentage from this time last year which was 95.9% – keep up the good work! The graph showing each class's attendance is below:



We also used the final assembly of term to show how the house point totaliser was filling up. At present 3 houses have 6 balls in the totalisers with Tennyson only slightly behind on 5. Each ball counts for 500 house points. Do you know which house/team your child is in?

## House Points



## P.E

Now the weather is getting colder please make sure the children have appropriate clothing to wear for their PE sessions. This could be black leggings or jogging bottoms and a jacket or hooded top as P.E. sessions will be outside where possible.

## Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you to everyone that took part in our Christmas jumper day. We raised a total of £276 for the 'Save the Children' charity – well done everyone!

## Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and cold spells forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open. Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and most importantly the school website.

## E-safety

The beginning of the year is a great time to remind your child(ren) of the need to be safe whilst using electronic devices which can access the internet. If your child uses a phone, laptop, computer, tablet or other internet enabled device over the half term break then please remember to go over the SMART rules with them.

## Dates For Your Diary:

14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 trip to Beaumanor Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 trip to Beaumanor Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year Day in School
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 trip to The Deep
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 trip to The Deep
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Sleeping Beauty Drama Workshop (Year 1 and 2)
7 <sup>th</sup> February	School Disco (Year 3-6)
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief