

# The Apple

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



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## Dear Parents/Carer

As we approach the Easter break we continue to pack in activities here at Isaac Newton School to ensure that the children are making great progress. The last few weeks have been extremely busy with lots of great news to share.

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to all of those Parents and Carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. This is a really important part of school life allowing us to talk to you about the progress that your child is making. I hope that you all now have a great understanding of the successes that your child is having and know what can be done to ensure that they continue to make great progress.

The whole school enjoyed World Book Day last week with all the children (and staff) dressing up as their favourite hero or villain from a book. The children also took part in a competition where they had to create a 'book in a tube'. We had some fantastic entries and judging was really tough. Well done to all who took part and to the overall year group winners who received a £5 book token each!



Last week we also had our annual Legacy Tour Assembly led by our Bronze Ambassadors. With the support of Carl from Inspire+ our ambassadors spoke in front of the whole school and talked to the children about mental and physical well-being and how sport and exercise can help with this. They then set all the children the challenge of completing the 'Legacy Challenge'. As part of this, all the children have received a booklet which encourages them to complete a number of challenges. Once they have completed a section they can bring their booklet into school to be checked, before receiving a certificate for their efforts!



I'd like to say a huge well done to our Bronze Ambassadors! They also took part in another Legacy Tour assembly at Barrowby Primary School the following day. They spoke so clearly and confidently and were a real credit to the school.

**Chris Heathcote**

**Headteacher**

## Swimming Gala

Last week we took part in the Grantham Schools Swimming Gala. Overall we finished an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a fantastic achievement and our best to date! We were complimented by many of the swim school staff on how well our children performed and the improvements that the children have been making with their swimming skills! A special mention must go to Alfie P and Gracie K, who swam fantastically well against older children and won both their races. Well done everyone who took part!



## Dates For Your Diary:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | Year 5 PGL (half day)                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Class Photographs                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | Last day in school before Easter     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Return to school after Easter        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May    | Year 3 visit to Skegness Aquarium    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May    | Year 4 visit to Skegness Aquarium    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 6 visit to Belvoir              |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June  | Year 5 visit to Rutland Castle       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> June  | Year 6 visit to Harry Potter Studios |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July   | Year 2 visit to Twycross Zoo         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> July   | Year 1 visit to Twycross Zoo         |

## Headlice

Unfortunately headlice are a very common part of primary schools; nearly one in ten primary school children could have headlice at any one time. We know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again. But by working together we can fight the spread of head lice. We ask parents to:

Check your family's hair for lice regularly - once a week is ideal!

Visit your local pharmacist for guidance on the various treatments available.

Get treatment for you or your family as soon as you find live lice.

Let school, friends and family know as soon as you've found live lice.

At school we are vigilant in looking for the signs of headlice. We will contact parents if live lice are found and ask that they treated as soon as possible to help prevent the spread of lice.

The Once a Week, Take a Peek Campaign website has useful background information and advice about treating headlice.

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>

## SATs week

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the following dates.

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| <b>Monday</b><br><b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | <b>Grammar test followed by:</b><br><b>Spelling Test</b>                |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | <b>Reading test</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) followed by Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | <b>Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)</b>  |

We do not want the pupils to become stressed or disenchanted with school during the build-up. As such we have explained that we do not mind how each pupil does so long as they try their hardest. The SATs are important as they are used to gauge future progress, especially in Year 11 (GCSE year). Doing well now is a firm foundation for the future.

## Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who came to the Comic Relief sale run by Sainsburys last week. They raised a total of £128.75 which will go towards the Comic Relief charity. I hope the children enjoyed the opportunity to wear their comic relief items today!

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

## Baby News

We have some very exciting 'baby news' here at Isaac Newton. Both Miss Haddock and Mrs Stiff are expecting new additions to their families! Miss Haddock will be going on maternity leave at the start of June and we are currently in the process of appointing her maternity cover. We will keep you updated with any developments! Mrs Stiff will be going on maternity leave later in the year - once she is on maternity leave, children in her maths groups will return to their normal classes. We are all so excited for both Miss Haddock and Mrs Stiff and can't wait to meet their new arrivals!

## County Finalists

This week we have received two very exciting emails, informing us that our netball and volleyball teams have qualified for their respective county finals! This means that our pupils will be representing South West Lincolnshire at the upcoming events. This is a fantastic achievement for both teams, showing how hard they have trained and performed at the recent Grantham and District competitions. Good luck for the finals, we know you will do us all proud!

## Easter Tombola

We will be holding an Easter tombola on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April to raise money for our school funds. We are hoping to invest in some new I pads to use in school! Any donations of Easter Eggs will be gratefully received. Please hand these into the school office or to Mrs Toole. Thank you for your continued support.

## E-Safety

There are now a number of guides on our school website providing parents with advice about general online safety. Attached to this newsletter is one of these guides, providing parents with advice about What's App.

## School Shoes

Please can we remind parents that school shoes should be plain black (with black soles), without logos. If boots are worn then these should also be plain black. If children need to wear different footwear (for reasons such as medical issues) then please ensure that their class teacher is informed, in writing, as to why this is the case.

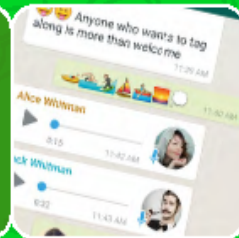
## Colsterworth Festival

As a school we recently took part in the 'Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts'. We entered three teams into the festival with our choral speakers and violinists being awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and our choir being awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We are all so proud of the children and their efforts. They practised for weeks before the festival, showing great commitment and determination - their hard work most certainly paid off. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to all the adults who were involved in preparing the children for and taking them to the event!

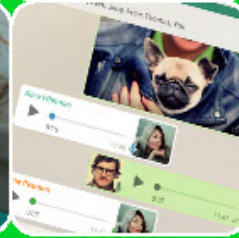
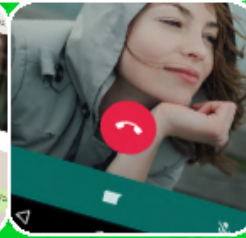




WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION  
**16+**



What parents need to know about



# WhatsApp



## AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

## SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

## FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

## THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

## CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

## LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are'. Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



**National  
Online  
Safety**

## Top Tips for Parents



### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

### EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

### REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

### USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

### SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

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