



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking all of the Parents and Carers who came to parents evening. It is great to see so many of you coming to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and really helps us to gain a deeper understanding of each of the pupils.

In recent weeks we have had to cancel a meeting about e-safety and at present it looks like we will have to cancel the meeting about our latest visit from OfSTED. This has made it clear that meetings are not the way in which you would like information to be shared. Having discussed ideas with a number of people a Parent/Carer Council was suggested. It seems like a great idea and would involve getting a Parent/Carer from each class to come to half termly meetings to share ideas/concerns. It would be a great opportunity for us to get a real sense of your views. If you would be interested then please pop to the school office so that we can see if it is worth going ahead.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

OfSTED Meeting

Please fill in the slip below if you would like to attend the meeting about our latest OfSTED visit. The meeting will take place on 10th December at 6pm. As with the e-safety workshop, should we get less than 5 responses then we will have to consider if it is worth proceeding.



I will be coming to meeting about the latest OfSTED visit:

Name: _____

Child's class: _____

Lateness to school

A number of children are consistently arriving at school after the registers have closed. This is a source of serious concern as pupils begin to learn from the time at which they arrive in their classroom. If a child arrives 10 minutes late each day then they will miss 50 minutes of teaching a week. Over the year this amounts to a full week of lesson time! In January we will begin to invite Parents/Carers to school where we feel the need to discuss lateness. As such it would be great if those who are struggling to get to school on time established a good morning routine or came to seek advice if other factors are involved.

E-safety

We have received less than 5 responses to the e-safety workshop that we were going to run. Unfortunately this means that we are going to have to cancel the event.

Applying for place in reception

If your child is due to begin at school in September 2015 then you need to apply now. Applications can be made at the Lincolnshire County Council Website. If you would like a tour of the school please call the office to book in with Mr Hill or Mrs Anderson.

School Books

As a school we pride ourselves on the quality of reading here at the school. We have hundreds of books which are in line with the recommended reading levels of pupils here at Isaac Newton. On rare occasions books may give Parents/Carers cause for concern in terms of the content or language within. If this is ever the case then please do let the class teacher know.

Maths

We have recently added our maths methodology booklet to the school website (click on the maths tab) and your child should have a copy of it with them today. Please take a good look so that you can see the methods used for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This should allow you to support your child's work at school. We intend to add more to the maths section of the website in the coming weeks.

Swim Marathon – Sunday 8th February

Every year the Rotary Club of Grantham hold the Swim Marathon. The money raised is split between local charities and have been used here to help with projects such as the pirate ship and pond. As a school we try to fill 8 lanes (48 swimmers). Children swimming need to be able to swim 25m (a length of the pool) if they are coming alone. Those who cannot are allowed to use armbands but must be accompanied by a Parent/Carer. If you would like to participate please pop into the office for a letter.

Christmas Tombola

We are still collecting items for our Christmas Tombola. Please send in chocolates, unwanted presents and other items. Thank you.

Headlice

Over the past week it has become apparent that we have more head lice than is usual in the school. Whilst all schools suffer from the same issue, it would be brilliant if all parents/carers were able to check their children's hair this weekend. In this way we will be able to slow the spread and ensure that you do not have to treat your children time and time again.

Language on the playground

We have had a number of reports about inappropriate language being used by Parents/Carers on the playground. Please ensure that you are careful of the language that is used. We all need to set the correct example to all of the children in order to ensure that they have the best possible education.