



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is almost impossible to believe that I am writing my final newsletter of the school year. It has been another incredible year here at Isaac Newton in which the pupils have progressed brilliantly.

On Tuesday last week we received the pupils SATs results. The results this year have been extremely controversial as there have been a series of changes in the way in which pupils are assessed. The standards that pupils are required to achieve are now higher than they have been at any other time in Primary School history and nationally 53% of pupils managed to attain the standard expected within Reading, Writing and Mathematics. I am delighted to report that, this year, our Year 6 cohort have performed well. The children's results are 4% above the national average. This is an amazing achievement and we are extremely proud of this whole school achievement. That said a lot of children may be disappointed with their results. National nearly 1 out of every 2 children did not make the new expected standard. As such pupils should not take the results to heart if they were not as they had hoped. SATs only measure pupils' abilities in Reading, Writing and Maths, they do not tell us about determination, humour, resilience, empathy and many more characteristics which are so important in each and every child's life. We are certain that our year 6 children have the characteristics and personal attributes to go on and do brilliantly in the future and wish them all well at their next schools.

It has been as busy as ever at school this week. On Monday we each had an ice cream which we really enjoyed despite the downpour. On Tuesday Mrs Dench from St Hughes visited the year 5's. She told the pupils all about St Hughes and took suggestions for the types of activities that pupils would like to see when they move to their next school. We loved the violin concert on Wednesday. It is amazing to see the way in which the pupils have developed and the quality of performance.

Today was also extremely busy as FS and KS1 finally competed in their Sports Day. They were fantastic and performed brilliantly. Thank you to all those members of the school community who came along to support the event. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all members of staff for a fantastic school year. Isaac Newton Primary School is a special place with a wonderful compliment of staff who are doing a brilliant job.

I hope that you all have a fantastic Summer Break and come back refreshed on 5th September!

PJ AM

Dates for your diary:

20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (after school)
21 st July	Last day of school
5 th Sept	Children return to school

The pupils had a great time during moving on morning on Monday. The teachers in each year group will be as follows:

Reception (2 classes)

Miss Mandefield and Mrs Addelese

Year 1 (2 classes)

Mrs Brockington/Mrs Fulcher and Miss Dunford

Year 2 (2 classes)

Miss Howes and Miss Clark

Year 3 (2 classes)

Mrs Pask and Mrs Clark

Year 4 (2 classes)

Miss Freeman and Mrs Gaze

Year 5 (2 classes)

Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Moorcroft

Year 6 (2 classes)

Miss Jones and Mrs Roberts

As you can see, all of the teachers are remaining here at Isaac Newton next year. This is fantastic news and will ensure that we can hit the ground running in September.

Parents/Carers in Years 2 and 6

Today you will have received your child's SATs results (inside their reports). Due to the change in the way in which we have to report the results, they are on a *separate* sheet. This sheet can be difficult to understand. On your child's actual report is the standardised score that they have achieved in reading and maths. This score allows you to see how your child is doing and can be compared with the details at the top of your reply slip. Nationally only 1 in every 2 children reached the expected standard!

School Fete:

Thank you to everyone who came along to the school Fete last Friday. We raised £385! The winners were:

Guess the weight of the Cake:	Mrs Sale
Treasure Map:	1st Jared
	2 nd Lily
	3 rd Sophie
Sweets in Jar:	Isabelle

Prizes were given out in assembly on Monday.

Year 6 Leavers

The Year 6 leavers' presentation evening will take place on **Wednesday 20th July at 6pm**. All Parents/Carers and Grandparents are welcome – please put the date in your diary.