



The Apple



The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carer

I would like to begin the newsletter by saying a huge thank you to all members of the school community who supported Isaac Newton at the Grantham Carnival. We looked fantastic, had a great time and were rewarded for our efforts with 2nd place!



On Tuesday the Year 3 children had a brilliant time at the mini Olympics. There were a credit to the school and we are extremely proud of them.



On Tuesday we also welcomed the health service into school to complete our Relationships Education work with the pupils in Years 5 and 6. Both of the workers were extremely impressed with the pupils and gave high praise to their levels of maturity.

On Thursday the Year 5/6 Tennis Team was in action. They played brilliantly and came 4th overall.

During Tuesday evening Lewis and Devan were invited to the annual Rotary Club Prize giving where we were awarded a certificate for our fund raising efforts at the Swim-marathon. They both did brilliantly to get so many sponsors!



Finally, today we have sent a lot of information with regard to the new data laws that have come into force this year.

In order for us to continue to ensure that we are providing the best possible opportunities for your children we need all Parents/Carers to complete the permission slip!

**Paul Hill
Headteacher**

SPORTS DAYS

Sports days are approaching quickly. As ever we will expect all children to participate unless their Parents/Carers have discussed any injuries or issues with the pupil's class teacher. Sports Day for pupils in years 3-6 will take place on 28th June. Children should arrive at school at the usual time in their PE kit. It would be great if as many pupils as possible were able to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house. As soon as the registers have been taken we will set off for the Meres. Parents/Carers should meet us there (we hope to begin at approximately 9:30am). We will then compete and have a prize giving at the end.

We will return to school in time for the children to have their lunch as normal.

Sports day for pupils in the Foundation Stage and Years 1/2 will take place on 4th July. Again pupils should arrive in their PE kit. Parents and Carers should drop their children off as normal and then head to the school field. We will register the children and then bring them onto the school field as quickly as possible in readiness for the races. Please remember to send in a hat and a water bottle. You should also ensure that pupils have applied sun cream prior to their arrival at school.

For both sports days we would love to see as many Parents/Carers and Grandparents as possible!

SUMMER FAIR

Our next fund raising event will be The Summer Fete on Tuesday 17th July straight after school. A non-uniform day will be held on Friday 13th of July.

To wear non-uniform we would be grateful for a donation of ONE of the following:

- Cuddly toys (in good condition)
- Sweets
- Chocolate Bars
- Cakes (to be handed in on the day of the Fair)
- Toys and books (again in good condition)
- Old plates for a smash the plate game

Thank you all for your support.

Year 6 Leavers

The years 6 leavers' presentation evening will take place on **Thursday 19th July at 6pm**. All Parents/Carers and Grandparents are welcome – please put the date in your diary.

Applying for Holiday During School Time

A number of Parents/Carers have applied to take their children on holiday during school time this term. Please remember that we are not able to approve such requests and that the pupils' absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We encourage all Parents/Carers to take their children on holiday during the school holidays.

Dates For Your Diary:

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

Please can all Parents/Carers ensure that we have at least three up to date contact phone numbers registered here at school. Over the past few weeks we have been unable to contact Parents/Carers on numerous occasions as old phone numbers have not worked.

When we do not have the correct contacts details and are unable to get in touch with Parents/Carers as a result it can become a safeguarding concern. This means that we may have to do a home visit or contact the authorities. This is something that we would like to avoid in order to make sure that we are not wasting staff time or creating greater stress for families.

As such please ensure that you inform us as and when your contact details change.

Ways a Parent Can Help with SPELLING

- 1** Have your child write spelling words:
 - On paper with pencils, pens, markers or paint
 - With chalk on a sidewalk or patio
 - With dry erase markers on a mirror
 - Type on the computer
 - With his/her fingers in a plate of pudding
 - With fingers in shaving cream on a counter
- 2** Have your child spell the words out loud while you are in the car or in line at a store
- 3** Spell words using blocks, Scrabble tiles, or flash cards
(Make your own with index cards - one card for each letter. Consider using different colored cards for vowels)
- 4** If the list of words to learn is long, have your child choose 4-5 to focus on at a time
- 5** Have your child write the words in alphabetical order or in order from shortest to longest
- 6** Play "Hangman" with your child using the spelling words
Make crossword puzzles and word searches with the spelling words for your child to solve
- 7** Combine spelling with physical activity
Have your child do jumping jacks, saying one letter per jump, or while walking up and down stairs, saying one letter per step
- 8** Keep a dictionary in your home and help your child look up unfamiliar words

Encourage your child to read!
Good readers are often good spellers.