



# The Apple



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another exciting few weeks here at Isaac Newton. The children all came dressed in non-uniform for Children in Need last week and we raised a total of £310.74 so a huge thank you for all of your donations.



On the same day we also interviewed for a new Headteacher to hopefully start here after the Easter holidays. The plan is still for Mrs Pask to be acting headteacher once I leave at Christmas. During the interview process, the candidates delivered an assembly each. I was a very proud headteacher to receive such amazing feedback following these assemblies. Everyone involved commented on the EXCEPTIONAL behaviour of the children during ALL of the assemblies...well done everyone! Our Trust (CIT) will write to all parents/ carers as soon as possible to let you know the outcome of the interview process.

My assembly this week had a bit of a Christmas theme to it and I am already beginning to feel the festive season approaching in school. Staff are busy behind the scenes preparing some Christmas decorations and I have a feeling that the school is going to be looking rather festive when we enter into December!

Across the school we will continue to work hard and maintain as much structure to the day as possible as we reach December. Rehearsals for our Christmas activities are now underway and I can't wait to see the shows come together!

I look forward to seeing many of you in school over the festive period. Don't forget to get your tickets and to check our Christmas dates section to ensure you don't miss out!



**Mr Heathcote**

**Headteacher**

## Christmas Dates

**Tickets are available from the school office! These are limited to 2 per family.**

Tuesday 6th December - afternoon

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 2:15pm (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Wednesday 7th December - morning

Foundation Stage Nativity – will begin at 9:30am (or once we have got our costumes on!)

Tuesday 13th December – morning

Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin a 9:30am

Tuesday 13th December – afternoon

Years 3-6 Christmas Show – will begin a 2:15pm

Wednesday 14th December –

Music Concert – invites will be sent to Parents/Carers of pupils who are participating (2.15pm start)

Thursday 15th December - morning

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin at 9.30am

Thursday 15th December - afternoon

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Show – will begin at 2.45pm

Please note that **you will not be able to collect your child until their normal finish time which is 3.35pm for children in Years 3-6 and 3.30pm for children in EYFS-Year 2.** We have timed our afternoon performances to coincide as closely as possible with the end of the school day. You are welcome to remain in the school hall until your child's collection time, at which point we would ask that you leave and go to the external classroom door as normal. Thank you for your understanding.

## Christmas Hamper Donations

We will be raffling off Christmas hampers at our Christmas performances to help us raise money for school funds. We're currently looking for donations, anything which you can give would be gratefully received. Please can you leave your donations with the school office.

## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be available for children on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have a meal on this day then you need to ensure that this is ordered online through Ideal Meals. The cost of a meal is £2.30 and the deadline to order is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. If you have not got an account, then you will need to sign up at the following link: <https://schoolmealsonline.com/login>.



## Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child then you should report this immediately. You can report this to the school or directly to Children and Young People's Services (Social Services).

## Children and Young People's Services Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire:

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111. Email: [lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.



The Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Beeby. Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Mr Heathcote or Mrs Pask who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

## Sharing and Caring Coffee mornings

Join us at Isaac Newton Primary School on the 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9am-10am for our open coffee morning. Our wellbeing team offer a supportive environment for parents/carers to meet new people in a relaxed friendly environment. Our coffee mornings will be held in the studio hall on a monthly basis and will be led by the SEND and Pastoral team. All parents and carers are welcome.



## School Football Update

Over the past few weeks we have entered teams in various football tournaments. First were the Year 5/6 Girls in their Grantham event. Places in a league with 3 other schools they played some super football and won all of their games resulting in a semi final place. They played Clifedale and despite 10 extra minutes of play, neither team were able to score a goal. This then led to a very tense penalty shoot out for a place in the final. Despite their heroic efforts the girls were unable to score a penalty, with Clifedale scoring one. The girls were naturally very disappointed, but dusted themselves down to take part in the 3rd/4th play off where they faced Ropsley. The girls dug deep, played exceptionally well as a team and won the game 3-0, meaning they came away from the tournament with Bronze medals. A huge well done to the girls, you showed a real resilience and strength of character to come back from the disappointment of your semi final game to play on to achieve Bronze medals. We are so very proud of you all!!



Next was the Year 5/6 Boys Tournament where we took two teams to compete. This is always a very tricky event, with many strong teams competing. The A Team won 2 and drew one game to come top of their group resulting in a semi final game against Malcom Sargent. They played some super football but unfortunately lost their game 2-1, meaning they went into a 3rd/4th playoff against Clifedale. Despite their fantastic efforts they were unable to win this game, but still came away in 4th place overall. The B team, which for most

was their first event representing their school, played some super football and showed great determination in what was a very tough group. They weren't able to secure a win in the group stage, but went on to play a match against Gonerby Hill Foot which they won 1-0. A huge well done to all the boys who took part in the tournament, you improved with every game and showed real team spirit, supporting each other in every game. We are very proud of you all!!

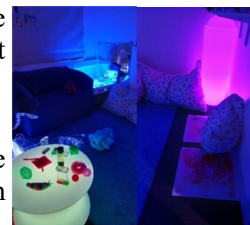
## Christmas Jumper Day

We will be inviting children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We have chosen this day to coincide with our Christmas lunches. Please can we ask that children bring in a small donation of between 50p and £1 in return for wearing their Christmas jumper. All money raised will go to the 'Save The Children' charity. **Children should be in their normal school uniform on this day apart from a Christmas jumper.**



## Sensory Room

Our sensory room has been carefully designed to offer a quiet space dedicated to stimulating, developing, and relaxing the senses, providing a safe and supportive space for children to escape the potentially overwhelming environment of a busy classroom.



## Phonics & Early Reading Workshop

At Isaac Newton Primary school we are passionate about developing our children as readers.

Join us on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm for our phonics and early reading workshop. This will be an opportunity to find out about how we teach your child to read in the early years and develop these skills into Years 1 and 2.

If you are a parent in FS or Key Stage One, we would love for you to join us. Refreshments will be provided.



Staff will be available for any questions and support you may need around early reading.

## Upcoming Dates:

29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS Rand Farm Visit
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 Greek Workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 Woolsthorpe Manor Visit

Please see 'Christmas Dates' Section

## School Term Dates:

Term 2	31 Oct- 16 Dec
Christmas Break	
Term 3	3 Jan- 10 Feb
February Break	
Term 4	20 Feb- 30 March
Easter Break	
Term 5	17 April- 26 May
May Break	
Term 6	5 Jun - 21 Jul
Summer Holiday	

# Online Safety with Dan



## Online Bullying

### Anti-Bullying Week 2022



Anti-Bullying Week is just round the corner so I wanted to share what we know about online bullying in Lincolnshire from our annual 'Keeping Safe Survey.'

Sadly, the number of students who are being bullied is going up but, equally worrying, is that the number of students who have told us they do nothing about their bullying is also on the rise. With nearly 1 in 5 Lincolnshire students experiencing online bullying at some point in their life, this is quite significant.

But, do we ever talk to our children about the digital world in the same way as the real one? For example, when they get home from school or the park, we know who they've hung out with; if it was a good day or a bad day; the latest gossip?

If our children were having a bad time online, would we know? Our survey showed that children whose parents take an interest in their online lives are more likely to take action if something goes wrong, so maybe today should be the day we start the conversation.

Get them to show you their favourite games or YouTubers, ask them to teach you how to block people online and find out what they would do if someone was being mean to them.

On the 7th December, why not join me online for a special Q+A session just for parents and carers.

Date with Dan starts at 6pm, tickets are free and you can book through the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-429589111597>

### Managing abusive messages and comments

- Try not to respond
- Save a copy or screenshot
- Report the user
- Block them
- Tell someone