



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

Mr Heathcote's baby has finally arrived and so we wish him and his family a huge congratulations. He is sad to be missing the Christmas performances but I'm sure they will all be amazing!

Whilst Mr Heathcote is on paternity leave, please come and see your child's class teacher, Mrs Beeby or Mrs Pask if you have any concerns.

It has been an exciting two weeks at Isaac Newton as the children have been preparing for Christmas.



Sara Pask
Deputy Headteacher

Tickets for Christmas Performances

The tickets for all performances are free of charge. If your child is in KS1 (Year 1 and 2) or KS2 (Year 3,4,5 and 6) there is a limit of two tickets per family. Please see the bottom of the newsletter for days that the performances are and the times. There are still tickets available. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

PGL Photos

Mrs Pask is awaiting the final few permission slips so that we can share the link for the PGL photos with Year 6 Parents. If you have not already done so, then please can you send the reply slip back as soon as possible so that we can get the 'Google Drive' set up. If we do not have your permission, then we will be unable to upload any photos of your child to the Google Drive. Once we have the necessary permission we will share the link with parents/carers.

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and cold spells forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open. Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and most importantly the school website.

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are due to start Reception in September 2020.

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opened on 14th November. Parents should receive information from Lincolnshire County council on or around this date. If your child is 4 this school year (September 20 to August 21) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Family Learning 2019

We have come to the end of our Family Learning for this term. The children and parents received their certificates and we ended with a Xmas party. Thank you to all those involved. The children have been involved in a range of activities including puppet making, sharing books and playing games to support Maths and Reading. We hope to run another Family Learning in the Spring term.



Reception visit to St. Wulfram's Church

The children in classes 1 and 2 made decorations and decorated a tree at the church. They then visited St. Wulfram's to find their tree and admire all the amazing trees that were there.



Illness

If your child is poorly, please ring us to let us know why they aren't at school. You can fill out a form at the office so that



we can administer medicine and antibiotics should it be required. We would also like to reassure you that if your child is poorly we will ring home should it be required. All medicines and antibiotics needs to be collected from reception by an adult.

Volunteers

Listening to children read is important to us and we are looking for any parents that could spare an hour or so each week to listen to readers. If you are able to spare some time, please pop in and ask to speak to Mrs Pask.

Boys Football Tournament

The boys football A and B Teams competed in their Grantham & District Football Tournament this week. Having been cancelled due to the weather, the boys were excited to compete. Both drawn in separate groups, they played a series of games in which they needed to win their groups to progress. The B team were new to the tournament set up, but were able to produce some brilliant football, passed well and showed real determination. The A team had a tough group, but were able to play some fantastic football and won their group moving them forward into the semi finals. They won their semi final game and reached the final to meet a very good side in Cliffedale. After a tense start it wasn't to be for our boys, narrowly losing out on the coveted trophy. The boys did Isaac Newton proud and secured 2nd place medals, a fantastic achievement. Well done boys, you were amazing as always!! Many thanks to the parents who stayed and supported our children it was great to have you there.



Christmas Fayre- Wednesday 11th Dec

Our school Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 11th December, from 3.30pm-5.00pm in the school hall. We are still in need of donations so if you have any of the following items it would be much appreciated.

Donations: Tombola items, Toys and books for children (in good condition), Bottles of wine, Sweets and Chocolate Bars.

We will also be collecting jam jars filled with nice things e.g sweets, chocolate, rubbers, small toys and accessories etc. We will then be selling these at the Christmas Fayre. Please hand in any donations to the school office- they will all be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

News from around the classes

Year 3 have been learning how to sew this week. They have enjoyed learning a new skill.



Year 6 have been busy writing letters of complaint. They have taken on board all the language features and were very convincing to read.



Also in Year 6 the children have been comparing a Tudor Christmas to today.

Girls Football Tournament

The girls football team were in action last week at the Grantham & District Football Tournament. On a very chilly Friday afternoon, they played a round robin set of games, securing two wins, two draws and two losses. They played exceptionally well, working hard and improving with every game. They were unlucky to not finish in a medal position, narrowly missing out on goal difference and finishing in 4th. They did win a mini skills challenge, scoring the most points based on shooting at targets. Well done girls, you were a credit to Isaac Newton and had smiles on your faces all afternoon!



Dates For Your Diary:

9 th Dec	Christmas Shows Years 3-6: 2.00pm
10 th Dec	Christmas Shows Years 3-6: 9.30am Years 1-2: 2.00pm
11 th Dec	Christmas Shows Years 1-2: 9.30pm
11 th Dec	Christmas Fayre (3:30pm—5:00pm in the School Hall)
12 th Dec	Violin Concert Class 5 and 10 (Invitation Only)
13 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
17 th Dec	Christmas Parties (Classes)
19 th Dec	Last day of term Christmas Jumper Day (for 'Save the Children' charity)
6 th Jan 2020	Return to School

School Term Dates:

Term 1	4 Sept - 18 Oct	October Break
Term 2	29 Oct - 19 Dec	Christmas Break
Term 3	6 Jan - 13 Feb	February Break
Term 4	24 Feb - 2 Apr	Easter Break
Term 5	20 Apr - 22 May	May Break
Term 6	1 Jun - 21 Jul	Summer Holiday