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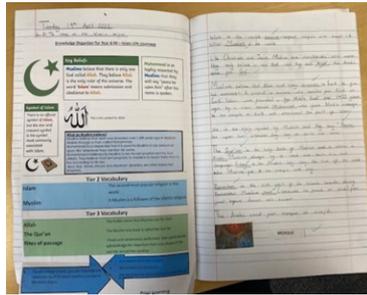
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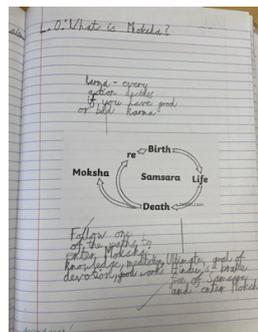
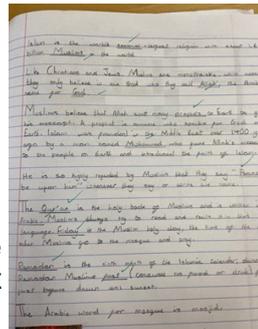
Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great Easter and enjoyed time together...as well as the extra bank holiday. Talking of bank holidays there is another one on Monday (2nd May) so please make sure that your child **does not** attend school on that day. School will resume on Tuesday 3rd May, after the weekend.

This week we were looking into all things RE (Religious Education) at Isaac Newton. Mrs Pask, Miss Howes and myself spent the day looking through books, popping into lessons and talking to children. I must say that we were all so impressed with some of the knowledge that the children had about the different religions as well as the great work that was in their books. It was amazing to see the progress that we have made as a school in the last 4 years ago, as prior to this we didn't even have regular RE lessons! Now, all children study RE at least once a fortnight and are developing both an understanding and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.



Thank you to all of the Parents/Carers who attended our open classroom events last week. We were blown away by the amount of you who managed to squeeze in a visit! I hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's work and admiring the progress that they are making in school! I managed to get around to speak to some of you and I heard so many positive comments about the amount of different subjects that we study in school and the quality and presentation of children's work.



We hope to hold 'Open Classrooms' again in the Spring and Summer Term next academic year.

Chris Heathcote

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Headteacher

SATs week

The Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs tests in the week commencing 9th May. This will be as follows:
Monday 9th: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Tests
Tuesday 10th: Reading Tests
Wednesday 11th: Maths Tests 1 & 2
Thursday 12th: Maths Test 3
This week we sent out a SATs test guide to all Parents/Carers in Year 6 via E-Schools.

The children have worked brilliantly all year and we are extremely proud of them. They could not have tried harder! They have done all that they can to be ready and so should just see the tests as an opportunity to show off all of their learning.

We would be grateful if all of the pupils were able to arrive promptly each day. This will help us to reduce any stress or anxiety that they feel. To support with this, **all Year 6 children can arrive from 8:15am onwards in the week commencing 9th May if they want to have a drink and a snack (toast etc) prior to the tests.**

Plants

Class 8 have been potting their own plants, which they will be looking after in school as part of their science topic this term. They will also be planting some sunflower seeds and having a little competition with class 7 to see which class grows the tallest sunflowers.



Australia

Our Year 2 children are learning all about Australia this term. One of their options for homework was to make a 'dream catcher' as these were used by natives to ward off evil spirits! I can't wait to see even more amazing homework!



School Uniform

Please can all parents/ carers ensure that their children are following our school uniform policy at all times. Some key aspects to look out for are:

Black school shoes- If your child needs to wear trainers or different footwear for medical reasons then please discuss this directly with Mr Heathcote, Mrs Pask or your child's class teacher.

School PE kit- this should include a t-shirt, shorts/ joggers & sweatshirt if needed. All these should be plain black (or dark coloured) and unbranded. You can purchase a PE t-shirt from school if you wish. Children will also need suitable, robust trainers.

Jewellery- the only jewellery permitted are watches, plain stud earrings and a plain, simple bow, headband or hair fastening. Children may wear a bracelet or necklace if this is related to a medical condition or for a religious reason and has been agreed with the school.

Thank you for your continued support with maintaining our high standards. If you have any concerns about school uniform then please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Mr Heathcote or Mrs Pask.

People Who Help Us (EYFS)

In EYFS the children are learning all about people outside of the school who can help them. This includes learning all about, doctors, dentists, nurses, the police and the fire brigade. When I've been visiting classrooms I've even seen some children pretending to be doctors and they showed me how they were looking after their patient!

We've had visits from dentists and nurses recently and have sent home toothbrushes and toothpaste to support with dental hygiene. It's really important that children look after their teeth, even from a young age!

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'Once Upon A Time' Sharing A Story (Class 4)

Due to absence we were unable to hold our reading workshop for Class 4 parents before the Easter holidays. This was a HUGE success with our Class 3 Parents/ Carers so to ensure that Class 4 do not miss out, Mrs Collishaw has agreed to run another session on Tuesday 3rd



May. Please arrive for 2.40pm as we will start promptly at 2.45pm and enter via the double red doors around the side of the school, leading into the main hall. Smaller siblings are also welcome if it enables adults to be able to join us! We look forward to seeing many of our Class 4 Parents/ Carers as possible there!

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

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

Upcoming Dates:

12 th May	Stibbington Day Trip & Overnight Stay (Year 4)
7 th June	Year 5 Belvoir Day
15 th June	Year 6 Sculpture Park Visit
21 st June	Year 5 Gainsborough Hall Visit
28 th June	Year 1 Visit to Skegness
29 th June- 1 st July	Y6 PGL Trip
12 th July	Y6 Harry Potter Studio Visit

School Term Dates:

Term 4	21 Feb – 1 Apr
Easter Break	
Term 5	19 Apr - 27 May
May Break	
Term 6	6 Jun - 21 Jul
Summer Holiday	