

## Dear Parents/Carer

With the change in temperature recently, please ensure that the children bring their coats with them to school each day. If their name could be written in the label too, that would really help if they get lost around school. It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of this first term already, the children are working really hard and have produced some wonderful work. We have shared some of those examples in this newsletter.

## Reminders

Please ensure that children wear studs and not hoops or 'dangly' earrings. If studs cannot be removed, unfortunately children will not be able to take part in Physical Education. Please consider this before letting children get their ears pierced!

## Bike Safety

There have been some concerns raised by members of our school community about children not taking care on bikes and scooters on the way to and from school.

Please remind children to stick to the paths and cycles ways at all



times, wear a cycle helmet and take extra care when crossing the road.

The attached website from Brake, has lots of useful tips and advice.

<https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families/cycling-with-children>

## Out of school achievements

We really want to know about your child's out of school achievements, please email the school office on [enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk) with information or send their hard work into school, and we will celebrate this in our next Newsletter which will be published on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**, on social media and during our Celebration Assemblies!

## Purchasing A Smart phone for a child?



Is it the right time to get my child a Smart phone? This is something we are asked a lot especially by Primary School Parents. A new film by the charity Nip in the Bud discusses the hidden dangers of social media and smartphone use among children. If you are considering getting your child a phone we would urge you to watch the film here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zhfd0jW7iY&t=605s> the film provides insights from children, headteachers and doctors, shedding light on the everyday harm caused by digital platforms.

Key facts:

90% of 11-year-olds own a smartphone, and most under 13 have a social media profile.

90% of girls and 50% of boys have received explicit pictures or videos they didn't want to see.

80% of teenage girls are pressured to provide sexual images of themselves.

1 in 5 children have been bullied online. Among them, 24% self-harm and 22% change their appearance due to bullying. Only 13% delete the app where they are bullied.

Boys as young as 13 have been targeted for sextortion scams.

MRI scans show screen time reduces brain areas responsible for visual processing, empathy, attention, memory and early reading skills.

Psychologists, headteachers and GPs are advocating for stricter guidelines: no smartphones until age 14, no social media until age 16

You can read more information here which provides more options to consider around technology prior to purchasing smartphones for children. Smartphones and social media fact sheet <https://nipinthebud.org/fact-sheet/smartphones-and-social-media-fact-sheet/>

Mr D. Milner  
Headteacher

## Attendance

It is parents and carers responsibility to inform the school office if their child(ren) are going to be absent from school. Please do this by calling 01476 568616 **before 9.30am**. In addition to this, please ensure the children arrive in school by 8.50am. If they are late, they miss out on valuable learning time. **Both gates open at 8.40, classroom doors are open at 8.45am and learning starts from 8.50am.**

Attendance by Class for the last two weeks.

### How many classes are above 96%

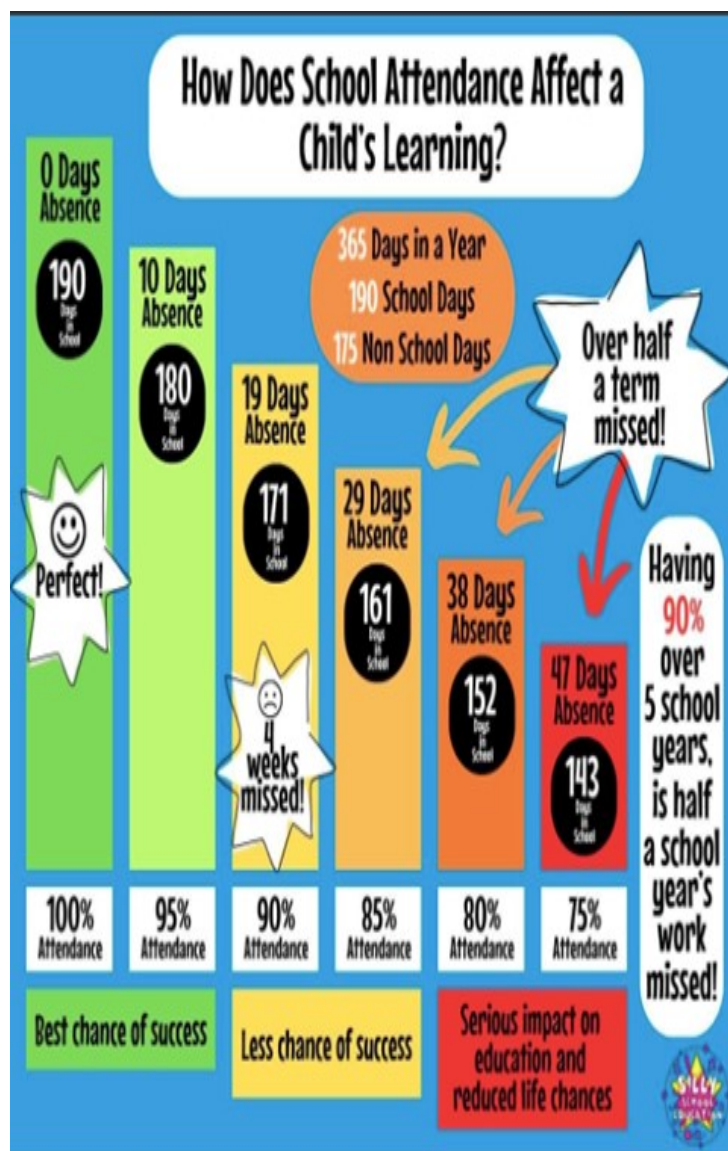
Class 1	95%	Class 8	94%
Class 2	95%	Class 9	96%
Class 3	95%	Class 10	98%
Class 4	93%	Class 11	95%
Class 5	96%	Class 12	96%
Class 6	97%	Class 13	93%
Class 7	98%	Class 14	93%

Well done to Classes 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 who each have attendance over 96% also to classes 1, 2, 3 and 11 for having attendance over 95%.

Below is a reminder of the impact of having below 90% attendance. If this continues over a five-year period, this is equivalent to half a school year's worth of lost learning that will result in significant gaps. Mr Richards and the attendance team continue to work hard to support families, offer advice and help get children back in school so they can flourish.

## Medical Appointments

Photocopies of medical letters or of medical appointments are really useful and will mean that these absences will be authorised. Thanks you for your support with this.



## Useful link – Is my child too ill for school?

The attached NHS link is a really useful resource for parents/carers if they are unsure whether to send their child to school or not. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



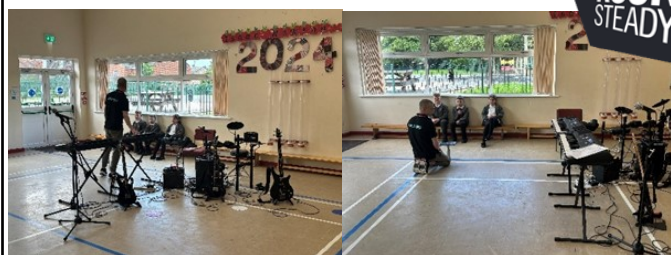
## Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon, we spend time celebrating all the successes from the week and present children with a Headteacher's Award. Staff choose one pupil from each class for a reason connected with our values (Respect, Pride, Responsibility, Kindness and Resilience and for following our simple, but effective, school rules (Be Ready; Be Respectful and Be Safe). All children are encouraged to listen carefully to the reasons for the award and they receive a certificate, a sticker and a round of applause from the whole school. We also celebrate those children who have produced exceptional work in school, at home and their out of school achievements. It is always a special occasion and enjoyed by all!



Winners from the recent Friday Celebration Assembly (19.09.2024 & 26.09.2024) with their certificates.

## Rocksteady Workshops



Rock Steady lessons started on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. It is not too late to book your child in for this academic year, by visiting their website <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/> or alternatively, you can collect a letter from the school office. The children who currently attend thoroughly enjoy the sessions and are looking forward to their Christmas performance on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 9.15 – 10am.**

### Dates For Your Diary:

2nd—4th October	Year 6 Residential to PGL
8th October	Year 2 trip to Perlethorpe
8th & 9th October	Parents' Evening
9th October	Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop
14th October	School Photographs
18th October	End of Term 1
28th October	Start of Term 2
10th December	EYFS Afternoon Christmas Performance
11th December	EYFS Morning Christmas Performance
18th December	End of term 2
19th December	INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)

## School Values

This term we will focus on our school value of Respect. Being respectful and responsible for their actions will not only ensure that children are successful in school, but will also serve them well as adults in the workplace.

Pupils showing our School Values of Respect, Pride, Responsibility, Kindness and Resilience

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES



## Sports/PE update

Over the next few weeks, children across Years 1-6 will be taking part in the first of the many competitions and events we enter as part of the School Games Organiser initiative. The first event is the virtual mile, with the children running/walking the distance using our daily mile track whilst being timed. Using this timed information, we will then send the fastest 3 boys and girls from each year group to the organiser, who will compare our times to other children in the area. So far we have seen some impressive times, with all children showing an awareness of pace, stamina and most importantly determination, in order to complete the distance. Well done everyone!



This week we have also awarded various leadership responsibilities to children across Year 6. These included House and Vice Captains, Bronze Ambassadors and Playground Leaders. Well done to everyone and we look forward to seeing you in your new roles!



House Captains are:

Blue House  
Kendra and Trixie

Green House  
Vidya and Nicola

Red House  
James D and Rayana

Yellow House  
Princesdeep and Kurts



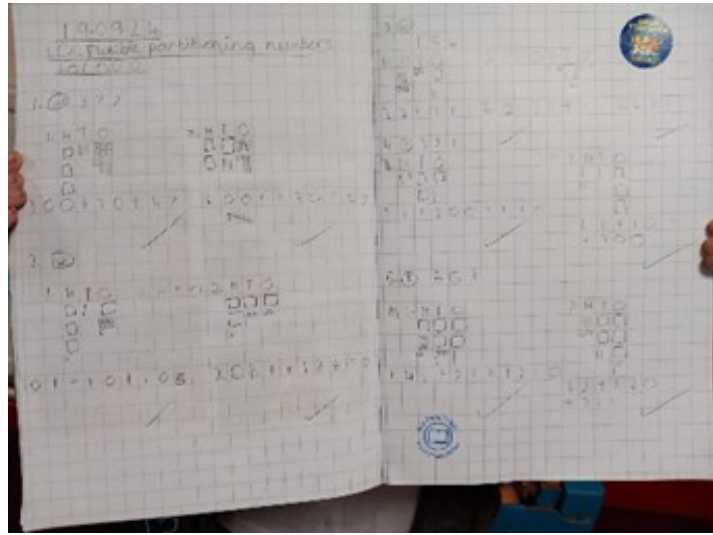
Bronze ambassadors are:  
Filip B, Leyton, Nicole and Skyler



Playground Leaders are:

Charlotte, Madison, Daisy, Lacie, Kian T, Isabelle B, Vincent, Lilly D, Maya G, Layla-Rose, Alyssia, Antony, Sara, Jennifer, Hollie, Lara, Jake, Libby, Ava C, Georgie-May, Charlie H, Ellie L and Braydon B.

**Work to be proud of**



***Phenomenal presentation and accurate maths work from Amelia who was partitioning numbers today. Well done.***



***Albie read fluently to Mr Hill in school. He is making fantastic progress, well done!***



***Five People I trust work in PSHE. Charlotte, Skyler and Dakota. They gave me clear reasons why it is important to have these people to talk to if they are worried or angry. They also listed their goals for this year. Well done!***



***Emily read so well to Mrs Fulcher this morning. Fred in her head and read out loud so fluently. Well done!***



***Phenomenal fluency from Emi this morning. She read the book from start to finish without making any mistakes. So proud!***

**Work to be proud of from home**



*Learning about dragons and poems in class. Look at this wonderful, well presented work. By Lilly from Class 10!*



*Well done to Liam from Class 10 who has created this dragon egg inspired artwork and this beautiful Viking jewellery. Great work.*



*Austeja from Class 9 has produced this amazing Viking ship at home. She made it with just using paper. So clever!*

**Work to be proud of from home**



*Look at this Viking Boat that Kyra made at home with a little bit of help from her older brother. So impressive. Made almost completely from cardboard with split pins so the shields spin around. Well done Kyra!*



*Fantastic dragon eggs made by Alice, just look at the detail. Made from clay and painted. Well done!*



*Emilia has coloured this beautiful Viking sword and shield. Well done and Leilan has drawn this wonderful dragon eye. Well done to Year 4, so creative.*



**Work to be proud of from home**



*Axel has created this astonishing Viking ship at home with his mum.  
The attention to detail is just wonderful. Well done!*



*Great work from Lena who has spent a considerable amount of time  
producing all this work. She is clearly enjoying the Stone Age topic. Well done.*

## Out of School Achievements



*Congratulations to Olivia from Class 10 on being selected for Elf the musical through New Youth Theatre. She is playing the part of Michael Hobbs. She has one of the main parts and will even be doing a solo. We are so pleased and proud of her and can't wait to go and see it! Well done Olivia*



*Skye was lucky enough to swim with sharks over the summer holiday and was presented with this certificate. Well done, you are so brave!.*



*Well done to Trixie who was awarded a Bronze medal in the 50m backstroke while she was swimming for Grantham Swimming Club. Amazing result.*