



# The Apple



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

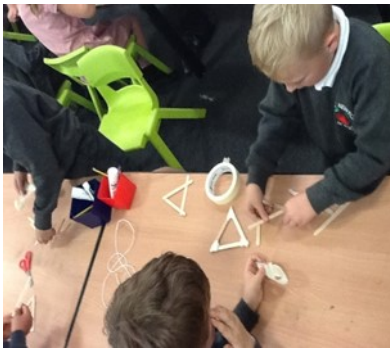
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## Dear Parents/Carers

This is my final newsletter of the 2020-2021 academic year. I would like to say a huge thank you (and a well done) to the children, teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and parents/ carers and their families. What a year it has been! I think it's safe to say that we have all done an incredible job just getting through it! I am however incredibly proud that despite all of the setbacks the children have still made amazing progress, both academically and personally, and feel that this is reflective of what a fantastic school we have here. Well done everyone!



This week I've been seeing lots of design & technology (DT) going on around school. I've included some pictures of the sewing of Tudor roses in Year 5 and the creation of lighthouse structures in Year 1. It looks like we may have some engineers within our midst!



The final newsletter of the year is always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They have done brilliantly this year under what have been particularly tricky circumstances. We are extremely proud of all that they have achieved throughout their time with us and we will miss them dearly when we return in September. We wish them all well in the future and know that they can do brilliantly if they keep on believing in themselves.

I hope that you all have a fantastic Summer Break and come back refreshed on 6<sup>th</sup> September! I look forward to seeing you all then.

**Chris Heathcote**

**Headteacher**

## Frank's Ice Cream Van

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Frank and his ice cream van will be joining us again on the school field. It has been far too long since the last time! If your child would like an ice cream then they need to bring in £1 on the day. The school's risk assessment will continue to be followed and children will remain in their class bubbles **at all times**.

## Dunelm Facebook Competition

We have won the Dunelm Facebook competition for schools and have now collected our 'wild bundle'. We can't wait to get this into our forest school- Mrs Fulcher is very excited!



## Covid-19 Update

Schools have now received updated guidance from the Government regarding September 2021. Within this guidance it suggests that the majority of the measures that schools have had to put into place will be lifted. A letter will go home to parents/ carers next week outlining expectations for our return in September.

## Growing Vegetables

In Year 1 the children have been learning how to grow potatoes as part of their science topic 'plants'. From 'farm to fork' the children have nurtured their crop and really enjoyed getting to eat their finished product.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be resuming again from September 2021. The cost will be £4 and this includes breakfast. Please remember that breakfast club places need to be booked a week in advance and are limited to a certain number. Once the places are full for that day/ week we are unable to offer anything further. Bookings for the first week in September are now being taken- please contact the school office on 01476 568616.

## Classes 2021-2022

Today your child will come home with a letter informing you of the class that they will be going into next year. The class structure is as follows:

<b>Class 1 (EYFS)</b>	<b>Mrs Fulcher</b>
<b>Class 2 (EYFS)</b>	<b>Mrs Addlesee</b>
<b>Class 3 (Year 1)</b>	<b>Mrs McEvoy &amp; Mrs Collishaw</b>
<b>Class 4 (Year 1)</b>	<b>Miss Haddock</b>
<b>Class 5 (Year 2)</b>	<b>Miss Freeman</b>
<b>Class 6 (Year 2)</b>	<b>Miss Mandefield</b>
<b>Class 7 (Year 3)</b>	<b>Mrs Gaze</b>
<b>Class 8 (Year 3)</b>	<b>Miss Howes</b>
<b>Class 9 (Year 4)</b>	<b>Mrs Moorcroft</b>
<b>Class 10 (Year 4)</b>	<b>Mrs Clark</b>
<b>Class 11 (Year 5)</b>	<b>Miss Meads</b>
<b>Class 12 (Year 5)</b>	<b>Miss Winston</b>
<b>Class 13 (Year 6)</b>	<b>Mrs Roberts</b>
<b>Class 14 (Year 6)</b>	<b>Miss Jones</b>

A map will also be included with this letter showing you which classroom each class will be based in. Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Your child will get to spend a morning with their new teacher on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## Sports Day

A huge congratulations to Robertson who won the sports day cup. The children really enjoyed their sports day and were all absolutely fantastic!



## Author Workshop

Year 4 have been lucky enough to have met a real life author this week over Microsoft Teams. Hannah Gold is the author of a book called 'The Last Bear' and she lives just down the A1 in Stamford! The children have been using her book for their whole class guided reading this term. We've been so impressed that we've ordered a whole class set to use with our new Year 4 children next year!



## Free School Meals Supermarket Vouchers

The local authority have announced that they will be providing all children who are eligible for free school meals (Pupil Premium) with a £75 supermarket voucher for the Summer Holidays.

We will be sending out a voucher via Wonde next week, to all parents/ carers of children who are eligible. We will send these to the email addresses that we hold our system so please ensure that we have your up-to-date contact details. If you have not received a voucher by **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July** then please contact the school office.

If you think that your child may be eligible and they are not yet registered then you will need to register their eligible via the Local Authority. Please contact the school office for further information regarding this. Or visit our school website: [https://www.isaacnewton-cit.co.uk/web/how\\_to\\_apply/469817](https://www.isaacnewton-cit.co.uk/web/how_to_apply/469817).

Your child will be eligible if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2019 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**Term 6:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## **Summer Holiday**

**Term 1:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

**Term 2:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Term 3:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Term 4:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**Term 5:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Term 6:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips - typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company ByteDance that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok. In early 2019, TikTok was hit with a record \$5.7m (£4.2m) fine in the US over child data privacy concerns for its record keeping while under the Musical.ly brand.

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# What parents need to know about TIKTOK



## ONLINE PREDATORS

By default, users accounts are automatically set to public when they first create an account. TikTok encourages users to share creative expression through their videos, but if posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade content. There have also been concerns the Chinese government could access data or sway public opinion through the app. If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

## IN-APP PURCHASES

As with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts - for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased - there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £99.99 with a one-click buy button.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics. In addition to this, some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

## BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions. On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon. Sometimes these challenges can pose risks to young people.



# Top Tips for Parents

## DISCUSS THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your child to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online. Explain that their 'digital footprint' shapes their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them. Remind them that they do not have to do anything they are not comfortable with. To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

## HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure your child knows how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest altering these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

## REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child sees something inappropriate on TikTok, you can flag up an account, video, comment or chat by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there's also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', limiting appearance of videos which may be inappropriate.

## USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

Setting up a private account means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

## SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up, users are prompted to input a their date of birth. If the inputted date of birth means your child is under 13, the app will block them. However, this doesn't prevent your child from lying about their age. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without creating an account, so make sure your child, if under 13, hasn't downloaded it.

## USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about how long your child is spending on TikTok, it has a setting called 'Digital Wellbeing' which allows you to manage the amount of screen time your child can have. We also advise that you turn off push notifications in the settings to prevent your child from receiving 'spam-like' notifications from TikTok that encourage users to go on the app.

## DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

Users can also follow the account @tiktoktips, Tik Tok's official account fronted by established Tik Tok users which offers useful online safety tips for promoting safety on its platform, rather than hiding information in FAQs.

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