



# The Apple

*The news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham*



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## Dear Parents/Carer

Well I can't believe that we have already come to the end of our first half term! I cannot begin to tell you how fantastic it has been to have had all of the children back with us here in school. We have also been very fortunate in that we have not had to send any of our 'bubbles' home to isolate, however I expect that this may happen at some point after half term as the country is gripped by the 'second wave'. Please can I ask you all to remain vigilant and ensure that you do not enter the school site or send your child to school if you or any of you have symptoms of Covid-19. Mrs

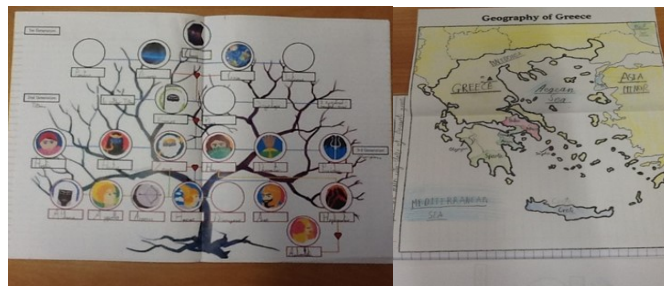


Pask and I are now very familiar with all of the latest guidance so if you ever have any doubts about what to do then please contact us via the school office and we can advise you. Please can I also ask that you ensure that you keep to 'social distancing' expectations on and around the school site. Keeping two metres away from others is the best way to ensure that the virus does not spread!

As a school we continue to ensure that we are doing everything we can to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Last Friday we had an inspection from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to look at our response to Covid-19. Many schools across the country are also having a similar visit to see how they are keeping staff, pupils and Parents/ Carers safe. The feedback from the visit was extremely positive with the inspector stating that we were one of the strongest schools that he had inspected. This was so much so that no areas were identified for development. Well done Isaac Newton!



As always, I have included some pictures of some of the wonderful work that has been going on in school. Year 1 took part in a 'Great Fire of London' workshop organised by their teachers. Usually we would have a company come in to deliver this but due to Covid-19 we are currently limiting the number of visitors. Well done to Miss Haddock and Miss Mandefield for not letting this stand in their way!



Across the rest of the school there has also been some super work that I have seen in books. Mrs Pask and I spent a day last week looking through lots of these and were very impressed by the quality and presentation of the children's work. As a school



we've really focused on ensuring that we are teaching a full range of curriculum subjects and it has been a particular pleasure watching the children's skills in subjects like history, art and geography really flourish!

Finally a huge well done to our Reception children. You have survived your first term at Primary School! We are all so proud of how well you have settled in and the amazing progress you are making.

Please remember that school finishes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October this week as Friday is an INSET day. I would like to wish you all an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**Chris Heathcote**

**Headteacher**

## **Magic Breakfast**

Starting from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the school will be providing every child with the option of a light snack (a bagel) as they come into school. This will mean that our older children will be given the option of half a bagel and our younger ones a quarter. We are able to do this due to funding that we have received through an initiative called 'Magic Breakfast.' We have reviewed the allergy information that we currently have in school and will ensure that these children are catered for. **Please can you ensure that your child's medical information is up-to-date with the school office!** Your child does not have to eat the bagel that is offered, this is off course optional. We hope that by providing all children with a light snack that they will have even more energy to put into their learning!

## **Car Parking**

Please could all Parents, Carers and visitors be considerate when parking outside of the main school gate. We have had reports of cars being parked too far onto the pavement, restricting the space for people to pass with pushchairs. As they are unable to get through, pushchairs are being forced to go onto the road which is not safe, especially at busy times in the morning. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## **Remote Learning**

Hopefully you have all had the opportunity to read the letter sent out about remote learning. If you have not then a copy of our remote learning plan can be found on our school website:

[https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/remote\\_learning\\_plan/512416](https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/remote_learning_plan/512416).

We are now uploading work onto Microsoft Teams each day for children to complete at home if they are isolating due to Covid-19. All children now have a login and password and these are stuck into their reading journals. We have also sent out a letter detailing children's login details for Teams and any other online subscriptions that we have purchased for them to use.

A 'Parent/ Carer Guide' has now been created to support you with helping your child to access Teams at home. This has been sent out to Parents/ Carers via the E-Schools app and is available on the school website:

[https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/microsoft\\_teams\\_guide\\_for\\_pupils\\_parents/512426](https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/microsoft_teams_guide_for_pupils_parents/512426).

Please remember that if the class 'bubble' has not been sent home then the teacher will still be teaching full time within school. It will therefore be very difficult for them to respond to queries regarding remote learning until after school. Should you require any immediate support then it will be best to contact the school office where Mr Heathcote, Mrs Pask and Mr Hearn can support you. You can contact us by telephone or by emailing us at: [enquires@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquires@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk).

A daily timetable will be uploaded to Teams to guide your child with their work. Please remember that the 'live' sessions WILL ONLY take place when the WHOLE CLASS BUBBLE has been sent home to isolate. These are not able to take place when the teacher is still teaching in the classroom.

If you do not have access to a suitable device (laptop or tablet), enough devices for your children or an internet connection then you will need to inform the school of this when your child is told to isolate. We will then try to support you with this.

**It is an expectation that children fully access ALL remote learning whilst isolating at home.**



## **E-Schools**

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to download the E-Schools app on their smartphone or device as soon as possible. Thank you to all those parents who have already done so. We are now using this platform to send out updates and useful information via email. Some of this will ONLY be sent out via the app so if you have not downloaded it then you may miss out on some important communications.

If you have any problems with the app or setting up your account then please email [enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk). Mr Hearn will then be able to support you with this. If you have siblings in school then you will need to use the 'add account' section of the app for each child. Once set up you can then switch between children in the app.

Further information about how to get set up can also be found on our school website.

[https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/eschools\\_app\\_-\\_parents\\_help/499102](https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/eschools_app_-_parents_help/499102)

## **Parental Worries or Concerns**

If you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, either inside or outside of school, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this via [enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk) or by phoning the school office to make an appointment. You can also contact Mr Heathcote, Mrs Pask and Mrs Beeby in the same way. All members of staff are happy to help and will get back to you as soon as possible to resolve any issues you are having.

Please can we remind parents that posting about school issues on social media is not appropriate and will not help things to be resolved. We need to be made aware of your concerns directly so that we can deal with them- the staff here continue to work incredibly hard and try to do the very best for all of the pupils each and every day!

In-line with our school policy, should any staff member or pupil be named on a social media post without prior permission, legal advice will be sought and action taken in-line with our school policy. Thank you for your support.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we will be unable to hold face-to-face Parents' Evenings this term. Instead we will be sending home a short, one page report after half term about your child's progress. On the form there will be the option for you to request a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher and these will be arranged as soon as possible following your request.

## **School Fruit**

Free fruit is now available again to ALL children in school! The government provides children in Key Stage One with free fruit but as a school we feel that ALL children should be entitled to it, so have secured a charitable donation to help us provide this.



Please can you encourage your child to eat at least one piece of school fruit a day and take advantage of this fantastic initiative! As a school we are looking to try and stop all unhealthy snacks at break times and will therefore be offering children pieces of fruit as an alternative to any unhealthy snacks which we spot. We would appreciate it if you could support us by ensuring that your child does not come to school with unhealthy snacks such as chocolate biscuits, packets of crisps and sweets.

## **Secondary School Places**

If your child is currently in Year 6 then the deadline for applications to Secondary schools in Lincolnshire is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure that you have completed the online application process by this date so that your child does not miss out! A link to the website is as follows:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>