



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that you will have noticed that the number of builders on site has gradually reduced over the last week. We are delighted to announce that the Year 1 pupils began to use the two new classrooms on Wednesday. We are hoping that we will have full access to the playground within the next two weeks! This will enable the pupils in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 to enter the building from the Infant Playground. This means that there will be no need to use the playground at the rear of the school hall. The classrooms look great and give us some much needed additional space in which individual and small group work can take place. We will invite Parents/Carers of the Year 1 pupils in to take a look around during the next few weeks.

On Tuesday we held an e-safety event within the school. Children from Year 1 through to Year 6 went to special assemblies in which an e-safety expert from the Local Authority explained the ways in which they can ensure they use the internet safely. We will be inviting the expert back to hold a Parents/Carers workshop. This is intended to increase your awareness of the way in which children are using the internet, to enable you to decide on any precautions that may need to be taken.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Free School Meals

We are currently trying to ensure that the school receives its fair share of "Pupil Premium" monies. A significant amount of money is given to the school for all children who are eligible for a free school meal when the annual income of parents/carers is taken into account. If you have received this letter and are eligible for Free School Meals please do let us know. This ensures that we will get the correct allocation throughout your child's time at Isaac Newton

Picking up after clubs

As ever, we have a number of after school clubs running at present. Unfortunately some children are not being picked up on time and have been left at school for up to an hour after the club has finished. This presents the school with a safeguarding issue as Parents/Carers have a duty to pick their children up on time. We understand that there will be days that things go wrong and children are picked up a few minutes late. Where this is going to be the case please ensure that you call us so that we are aware of the situation.

Accident and Injury Letters Home

We have recently reviewed the way in which we record any accidents and injuries at school. We have been sending out a lot of letters for some very minor injuries. We will continue to record all accidents and injuries at school, but will be reducing the number of letters that come out. From now on we will send letters for "Bumped Heads" and injuries or accidents that have resulted in a significant mark or symptom. We will no longer send letters for minor grazes or small incidents where children have mentioned an incident but have carried on playing/working without any distress. Ensuring children's safety remains of paramount importance but we must balance this with a common sense approach.

Reading

A number of parents have been asking about homework. As a school we operate a policy where children in Years 1 to 6 have a degree of choice in the tasks that they would like to complete at home. These choices can be seen in the homework section on the school website. However, please remember that listening to your child read and ensuring that they practice their spellings when given, remain the most useful tasks that children can carry out at home – even up to year 6!



(Year 3 tanks – made at home!!!)

DISCO

We will be holding a disco for pupils in Years 1-6 on Monday 20th October.

The Disco for pupils in Years **1 and 2** will run from 4:30pm until 5:30pm. They will each get a drink and a packet of crisps. **TICKETS FOR YEARS 1 AND 2 WILL COST £1.**

The Disco for pupils in Years **3-6** will run from 6:30pm until 8pm. **TICKETS WILL COST £1.50.** Children are able to bring up to £1 to spend on snacks and drinks.

**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE
SCHOOL OFFICE ON MONDAY.**