



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carers

Well I can't believe that we have finally made it to the last term of this academic year...and what an academic year it has been with some real highs and lows!



I'm pleased so say that we have managed to move to year group playtimes and our children have really enjoyed some 'fun in the sun' with their friends!



We're also coming to end of the first year of our 'new curriculum'. We haven't quite managed to do our new topics justice yet, due to Covid-19 and school closures, but I know that all the children have enjoyed a much more 'balanced education' as we are now making sure that we teach our children lots of different subjects during their time at school, not just maths and literacy! Maybe you could ask your child what their favourite subject at school is? We hope that we have some budding historians, geographers or even

linguists (I know a lot of our children love their French lessons with Madame Wilson).

We've also made sure that the school has had an improved focus on reading over the past few years. We try to put reading at the centre of everything that we do, especially by making sure that the children have a range of fantastic books that they can read every day. Some of our children however are still learning to read so to help them independently access stories we have purchased some 'Yoto Boxes' for them to listen to audio stories on. Here you can see some of our EYFS children listening to the story 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. The 'Yoto Boxes', stories and headphones were purchased using PTA funds so thank you all so much for the fundraising that you have done at school events (and to Mrs Toole for always organising them). I know that these seem like a lifetime ago but I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all at events again next academic year....hopefully!



Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

E-Schools



Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to download the E-Schools app so that we can keep you updated and informed at all times about things in school!

If you do not know your login details then please contact the school office or email enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk.

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

Sports Day

This year we will be doing sports days at school in our phases- these will take place in the final week of June. Children will race against other children from within their own year group and will be cheered on by children from the other year group who will be spectating! All class bubbles will sit apart, socially distanced of course.

Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to not allow Parents/Carers to attend sports days this year. We do not feel that we can do this safely and in-line with current & potential future guidance. We will however ensure that we take lots of photos and will share these with you all!

Building Learning Power

Did you know that we have something called BLP (building learning power) happening in school? We use this to help our children to understand the skills that they need to be successful learners such as resilience and collaboration. We refer to these powers during our lessons and help children to 'build their learning toolkit'.



Year 6 Artwork

Here is some super artwork created by our Year 6 children based on the work of artist Dario Mohr. They had to explore 'feelings' as part of this project.

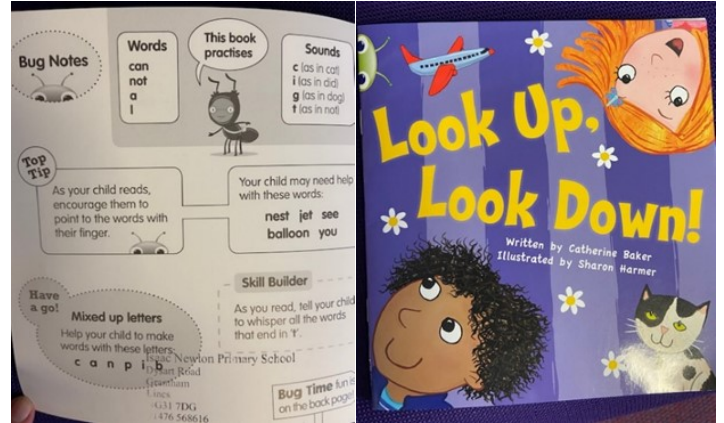


School Term Dates:

Term 6: Monday 7th June 2021 - Wednesday 21st July 2021

Reading At Home

If your child has a phonics book (bug club) then don't forget to do the activities on the first page before they read. This will help them to practise the sounds and words that they will need for the story. These books are designed to be read around **4 times** before they are changed. This helps children to develop their reading fluency and embed the phonics sounds that they have learnt. If you would like to know more about how you can support your child at home with their reading then your child's class teacher would be happy to help!



PE Kit

A letter went home yesterday regarding correct school PE kit. Mr Heathcote has also spoken to all children within Key Stage Two about this. Please can you ensure that your child attends school in the correct PE kit, this is part of school uniform. Correct PE kit is as follows:

Indoor: A plain/school black t-shirt, black sports shorts and a pair of plimsolls/ trainers.

Outdoor: The above, a pair of suitable outdoor sports trainers, a pair of jogging bottoms and a warm sweater (also plain and black).



We understand the financial pressures that many of our families are facing due to the current pandemic and as a result we are willing to allow alternative PE kit that is both dark coloured and plain or has a small logo. We will use our discretion regarding this and would ask Parents/Carers to also do the same.

Thank you for your support.

12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device.

Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WiFi at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

