



Dear Parents/Carer

It is difficult to believe that we have reached the end of the Autumn Term, and that Christmas is literally round the corner. It has been a brilliant term and a magical build up to Christmas. As well as working exceptionally hard, the children have taken part in a variety of events including: the nativity, Christmas Performances and this week, they have all had their Christmas parties. Who would have thought that almost immediately after eating their lunch, they could find room to eat even more treats?!

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Townsend visited the school last week to judge a couple of fun competitions, which the children and staff have been getting involved with. I can confirm that there were four winners - three runners up and one overall winner. Class 11's Snow Globes, Class 12's Reindeer Chimney and Class 7's Giant Bauble were the runners up with Class 1's Advent Calendar being the winning Classroom Door. There was also a special mention for Mr Richard's and Mrs Locke's reading tree.



We would really like 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, and we will celebrate this in our next Newsletter.

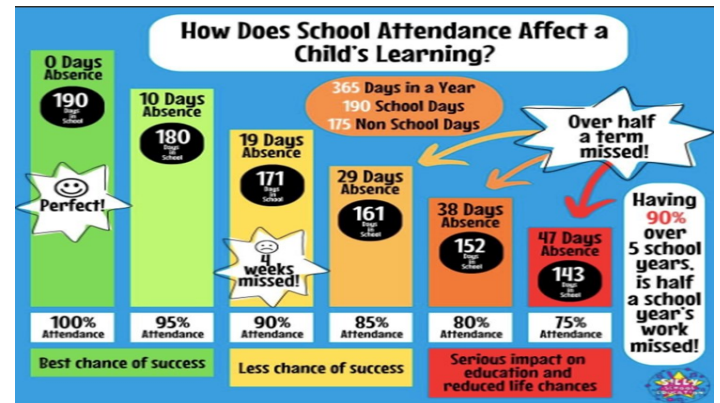
### Reminders

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, by 9.30am. In addition to this, please ensure the children arrive in school by 9am. If they are late, they miss out on valuable learning time. Both gates open at 8.45 and classroom doors are open at 8.50am.

Mr Richards has invited the families of children, whose attendance is below 90% which has not improved over the last few weeks, to an attendance panel meeting. The reason for this is two-fold: to remind parents/carers of their responsibilities to ensure children are in school on time every day but also to offer support and ascertain the reasons for

absence. We want to work with families so that we can better understand the issues families are facing.

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**.



### Term Dates

Term dates for the current academic year and for the next two academic years are available to view on the school website (<https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/>) Please go to webpage – drop down 'Parents' scroll down to 'Term dates' then 23/23 , 24/25 and 25/26 calendars are all there.

### Parking

A polite reminder to all parents who drive their children to and from school **not** to park at the gate and block the entrance to school please. This causes considerable disruption and is also a safety hazard.

### Breakfast Club

Finally, a reminder that Breakfast Club needs to be booked two weeks in advance and it operates on a first come, first served basis.

### School Values

We have continued to focus on our school value of **Respect** this term. There have been assemblies on this theme and staff have modelled this to the children regularly. I have set the whole school a challenge for everyone being respectful to everyone, all the time. Last term, we introduced Respect Tokens. These are given to classes once they have successfully completed a chosen task which was walking around school. This has proved to be a huge success and lots of fun. We will continue to focus on respect but next term, will also introduce one of our other values – kindness.



Mr D. Milner  
Headteacher

## Sports/PE update

Over the past week, children have been taking part in the annual Santa Fun Run during their PE lessons. Each child ran a mile around our playground, and in doing so have been rewarded with a sparkly Santa medal! The children across the school have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity, with some wearing Christmas hats, reindeer antlers and other festive accessories. We even had two special visitors – a giant snowman and a giant Christmas tree! Well done everyone, you were all incredible and showed real determination to run the distance!

Last week children in Class 13 completed their last swimming lesson for the year. They all worked very hard in their groups and we had some outstanding individual achievements. A special well done to Jamil and Bill, who stood out over the course of the sessions and have both been awarded distance badges for their efforts! Danas just wouldn't stop swimming and as a result managed to achieve

a phenomenal 400m badge!! We also had some wonderful comments on the children's behaviour whilst using the Meres Leisure Centre. We are always proud of how well our children conduct themselves, but it is made even more special when we receive such lovely comments from members of the public and the staff at the Meres. Well done Class 13, a super way to finish your swimming lessons!



## Work to be proud of

### Class 13 says NO TO BULLYING

STOP! It's not kind.

It makes me feel down low as though I'm sinking in a pit.

My heart feels as though it's being pressed, under the dark thoughts.

My eyes watering from the constant sobbing from the loneliest and pain of the unkind words and actions of the bullies looming over me,

Twisting and twirling the puddle below me dragging me further and further into the depths of darkness of the unknown.

Day by day being chased by the menacing creature which never leaves my mind or my body I cannot escape. I am drowning and suffocating in fear.

**IT WILL STOP!**

### Class 14 – The Army of thousand snowflakes

Creeping mist swirls around the terrified houses,

Slowly converting air to frost.

Icicles like javelins dangling from rooftops,

Obscure the horizon like cage-bars.

Charging armies of snowflakes,

Covering the green of nature.

Explosions of snow crawl over the garden walls,

Climbing the walls to your window,

Like a sheet of velvet camouflaging the houses.

Icy puddles like tectonic plates,

Smashing together winter, volcanoes spit out snow.

Parachuting from the sky,

Thousands of warriors took over the land,

Penetrating through forests making them their kingdom,

Until the arise of a deadly foe.

Get ready winter, summer is coming.

Dylan, Robin and Antoni.



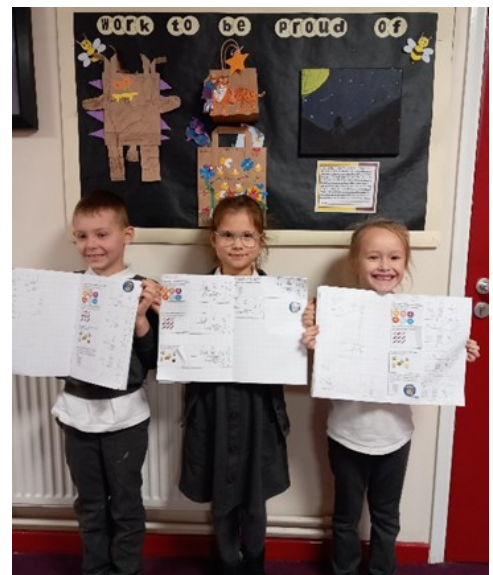
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*Well done to James, Zachary and Dawid for this fantastic, Spiderman themed DT project with working cams. Seriously impressed with this!*



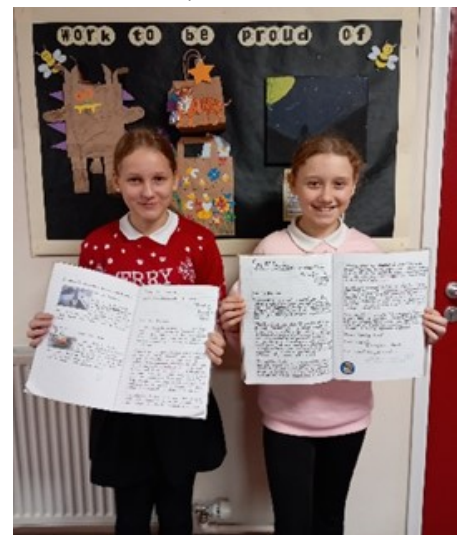
*Great work Leila, Millie and Emily on your cat and motorbike themed DT project. Well done!*



*Congratulations to Herkus, Alexia and Amelia on their accurate maths word problems. They all worked carefully and methodically – well done!*



*Well done to Charlie, Rayana and Kian. Amazing narrative writing using the John Lewis advert as a stimulus.*



*Amazing letter writing. If ever I am not satisfied with my shopping experience, I know who to ask to help me with a complaint letter. Well done to Olivia and Vanesa.*



## Year 3 Christmas Stockings



*Well done to Year 3 on their amazing Christmas stockings. Santa will just love putting presents in these on Christmas Eve! Logan, Amber, Charlie and Shai you should be really proud of yourselves!*



*What a fantastic Gingerbread House. Well done to James and Mrs Locke who created this masterpiece. It looks so delicious, but is too good to eat?!*

## Christmas Fete



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we held our annual Christmas Fete. This was organised by Mrs Toole and was really well attended. We raised £433.15 from various stalls including the Tombola, Lucky Dip, Lucky Lolly Pop, Face Painting and the cake sale. Thanks you so much to everyone who attended and supported the event, to Mrs Toole and all of the other volunteers who gave up their time on the day or by preparing gifts to be sold.

## Christmas Fete (continued)

Thanks also to the Lionesses who gave up their time to work with the children, decorating cakes which were sold at the Fete. We raised £130 from selling these delicious cakes. Children from year 6 have written a letter of thanks to them.



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*To the lionesses*

*We are writing to thank you  
all for coming to decorate  
cakes with us for our Christmas  
fair.*

*We raised £130.00 from your cake  
sales and £433.00 in total.*

*Thanking you  
The children of Isaac Newton  
School.*

*(Emily P)*



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## EYFS Christmas Nativity

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Foundation Stage performed their Christmas Nativity in front of parents and family members. Both performances were really special and thoroughly enjoyable. It is amazing to think how quickly the children learnt their lines and all of the songs, in such a short space of time. Thank you to Mrs Ellis, Mrs Fulcher, Mrs McEvoy and all the staff for organising everything.



## KS1 Christmas Performance

On Thursday 14th December, all of KS1 put on phenomenal show for parents and family members. The show started with both year 1 classes singing amazing songs, with the most **amazing** costumes. Year 2 then sang songs, played the recorder and the show ended with all of KS1 singing we 'Wish you a Merry Christmas!'

Thank you to all the staff who organised the event.



## KS2 Christmas Performance

On Tuesday 12th December, all of KS2 put on phenomenal show for parents and family members. The show started with Class 14's short drama production and then each class sang a Christmas themed song of their choice. It was spectacular!





## Year 5 Greek Workshop

Year 5 were whisked back in time to an agora in Athens to experience what life was like during Ancient Greece. Here, the children went to different stalls where they got to make their own mosaics, pendants, medicines, wax tablets and even crushed olives to make oil that could be burnt in lamps. As well as crafting different things from this time period, there was plenty of agora gossip about the invading Persians and children were desperate to carry out jobs for the “Masters” so that they could gain money to pay the oracle for their fortunes.

In the afternoon, the children learnt about plays from Ancient Greek times such as the Cyclopes and Pandora’s Box. They performed these to each other and did an absolutely incredible job! It was a fantastic day and the children loved it!



### Safeguarding Update

**If you have a safeguarding concern about a child during the holidays, you can contact the following services:**

Children’s services (Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm) **01522 782111**

Out of hours emergency duty team: **01522 782333**

If you believe there is a risk of immediate danger or harm, contact the Police on **999**.

For further information, please visit <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/safeguarding/report-concern>

**You can also contact the NSPCC to report a concern or to gain advice:**

NSPCC (Help for adults concerned about a child): **0800 800 5000**

**If you have a concern about domestic abuse, you can call:**

EDAN Lincs: 01522 510041

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 2000 247

[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk) (run by Refuge)

Men’s advice line: 0800 801 0327

[info@mensadviceline.org.uk](mailto:info@mensadviceline.org.uk)

Or call **999** in an emergency

**If you need support with your mental health or emotional state, you can contact:**

Night Light Cafe Lincoln: 0300 011 1200

Search Night Light Cafe Lincoln on Facebook

Lincs Mental Health Helpline 0800 001 4331 (24hours a day)

Calm For men who need to talk 0800 585858 (Between 5pm and midnight every day) [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net)

SHOUT Text SHOUT to 85258 (24 hours a day)

Samaritans 116 123 (24 hours a day)

For support with children’s mental health, you can call the Mental Health Support Team – 0800 234 6342

[www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/mental-health-support-teams](http://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/mental-health-support-teams)

### Dates For Your Diary:

20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term 2
3rd January 2024	INSET Day (School closed to all pupils)
4th January 2024	Start of Term 3
Week Commencing 1st February	National Story Telling Week
4th February	Sponsored Swimarathon (9.30am)
9th February	End of Term 3
19th February	Start of Term 4
19th February	Kindness Day
7th March	World Book Day
8th March	International Women’s Day
21st March	World Poetry Day
28th March	End of Term 4



# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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