



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a great week at school with lots of amazing thematic work taking place. Each week I am blown away by the work that is shared in assembly and this week was no different. Year 5 shared some amazing volcano sculptures, whilst Year 1 showed some fantastic Space homework. The quality of the projects undertaken at home was exceptional – thank you for your support. Years 5 and 6 competed in the indoor athletics competition at The Meres last Friday. They performed brilliantly (particularly in the throws and jumping) and managed to finish the event in fourth place. Well done to all involved.



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SATs week

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the following dates. If you have a pupil in Year 6 then please remember the dates and ensure that your child arrives at school promptly.

Mon 9 May	Reading test
Tues 10 May	Grammar test followed by: Spelling Test
Weds 11 May	Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) followed by Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thurs 12 May	Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)

We do not want the pupils to become stressed or disenchanted with school and have explained that we do not mind how each pupils does so long as they try their hardest. The SATs are important as they are used to gauge progress from Year 6 to Year 11 (GCSE year). As such doing well now can ensure that child's next school targets great GCSE results which will open doors for the future!

Dates for Your Diary:

2nd February	Roots to Food
9th February	Disco for Years 3,4,5 and 6
12th February	Last day before half term
22nd February	Return from half term
3rd March	World Book Day
15th March	Parents' Evening (later session)
16th March	Parents' Evening
18th March	Sports Relief

Ear rings

A number of pupils (particularly in Years 1 and 2) are arriving in ear rings on PE days. Please remember that we are not allowed to take pupils' ear rings out. As such if pupils cannot remove their own ear rings then they should be taken out prior to school. PE is a statutory (children have to do it) part of the curriculum.

Time off school table

Each term we have to complete a census which is reported to the Department for Education. The census records a huge range of data including the attendance rate of pupils. I am delighted to report that we are on track for a new school record. However we do have a small number of children who have worrying attendance rates where we have not been made aware of a good reason for this. The table below shows the amount of time that a child (starting in Reception and finishing in Year 6) will miss at Isaac Newton based on their percentage of attendance.



Percentage Attendance	Days off per year	School Time Missed By Year 6
100%	0	0
95%	9½	$\frac{1}{3}$ of a school year
90%	19	$\frac{2}{3}$ of a school year
85%	28½	1 whole school year
80%	38	One and $\frac{1}{3}$ school years
75%	47½	1 and $\frac{2}{3}$ school years

Foundation Stage Assembly

All Parents/Carers of children in the Foundation Stage are invited to an assembly on the morning of 12th February (after dropping pupils off). The children will share their learning from their "Going for a Bear Hunt" theme.

Badminton

On Wednesday evening five Year 6 children took part in the Bisi Badminton Festival at KGGS. They completed a variety of activities to increase their skills in badminton. The children collaborated well together as a team and thoroughly enjoyed it.

