



The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I enter my third week at Isaac Newton Primary School I am getting to know the children and staff properly. It is great to see the effort that pupils put into their work and the pride that they show in being Isaac Newton pupils!

We are already making great progress in the areas that were highlighted during the OFSTED inspection. Over the first two weeks at school staff meetings have focused on writing. We have streamlined the way in which we will teach writing to enable pupils to focus on the key areas that will improve their work.

This week we have been looking at the way that we mark work. The aim is to ensure that pupils understand the next steps of their learning so that they can take responsibility for their own development. Whilst we are hoping that these changes will have an instant impact we are constantly ensuring that they will become a natural part of school life. As such, children should progress as quickly as possible during their journey through the school.

I am delighted with the progress that we have made over the past three weeks and will give you regular feedback on our developments in each "Apple".

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, due to low numbers of pupils attending, we have made the decision to suspend Breakfast Club for the time being. As such, Breakfast Club will not be running following the half term break. We will keep the situation under review and will seek to reopen Breakfast Club should it become viable again.

Head Lice

Since the return from the Christmas Holidays it has become apparent that we have more head lice than is usual in the school.

Whilst all schools suffer from the same issue, it would be brilliant if all parents/carers were able to check their children's hair this weekend. In this way we will be able to slow the spread and ensure that you do not have to treat your children time and time again.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 27th January

Indoor Athletics 4:00 - 6:00pm

Thursday 30th January

Football v Gonerby Hill Foot 3:30pm

Sunday 9th February

Swimarathon 9:00 am

Thursday 13th February

Break for Half term Holiday

Monday 24th February

Return to School

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th March

Parents' Evening 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Filmclub

Please note that there will be no Filmclub on Friday 7th February.

School Trips/In school experiences:

In order create exciting learning opportunities and to inspire writing we would like to take the pupils on a school trip or have an inspiring school experience once a term (3 times each school year). In order to do this we would need to ask parents to contribute towards the cost of visits/experiences. We understand that this is a change to the way in which visits have taken place in the past. As such we would look to ensure that the visits cost around £10 and would have a decreasing cost should you have more than one pupil for whom you needed to pay. In order to judge the possibility of doing this can you please tick the appropriate box on the slip below and return it to school.

I **would** be willing to pay £10 per term for school visits/experiences

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I **would not** be willing to pay £10 per term for visits/experiences

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