

The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now well into the Summer Term (although the weather sometimes feels like winter) and are ensuring that we are doing all that we can for each of the children to make great progress by the end of the year. During May the children in Years 6 and 2 will be sitting the SATs (Standard Attainment Tests). We are doing all that we can to prepare the children whilst trying to ensure that they do not worry too much about the tests. All that we ever ask is that all of the children try their hardest.

Mrs Atter completed the London Marathon on Sunday! Thank you to all of those members of the school community who have been so supportive. The cake sale made a huge difference to the amount that she raised for PHAB kids.

Dr Bike had good news for us this week. We believe that we will be getting a new bike shed and scooter pods. This is thanks to the increase in the number of pupils that have been cycling or scooting to school. We hope that the work will begin before the half term break!

Finally, I have not been as visible on the playground since Easter as I have been teaching a booster group for maths each morning in Year 6. The SATs are only two weeks away, once they have finished I will be back on the playgrounds as normal.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Attendance

Since the Easter holiday attendance has been improving again. Thank you to all of those Parents/Carers who have been so supportive. Please remember that good attendance makes a huge difference to the progress that children make at school. The table below shows just how much time is missed from school as attendance rates fall.



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

Monday

Don't forget that Monday is a bank holiday – have a great extended weekend.

Swimming

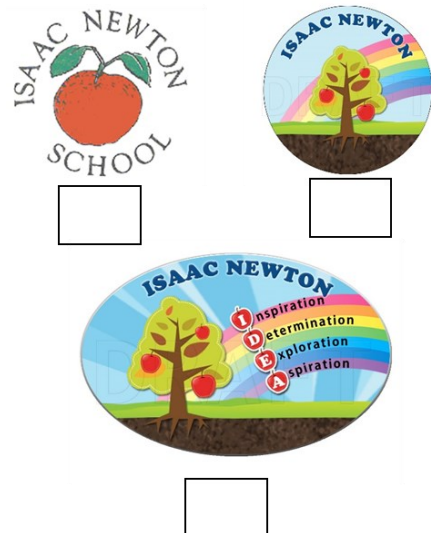
A number of children have been missing swimming due to illness over the past two weeks. Please remember that swimming is a statutory (must be done) part of the school curriculum. As such we would expect that all children who are well enough to come to school are well enough to swim unless they have seen a doctor and been advised not to.

Family Bingo

The next bingo session will be taking place on Thursday 19th May straight after school in the studio hall. Tickets are £1.50 and include the bingo games and a hotdog/drink. The tickets can be purchased from the school office.

School Logo:

As you know, we have been running a competition to change the school logo. Having looked at the children's ideas the logos below were designed. We have not decided if we would really like to change the logo so this is your chance to give us your opinion. We will be guided by the school community and would rather not change the logo if more members of the community prefer the current design. Please click next to the design that you like the most in order to ensure that we make the correct choice.



If we stick with original logo we will still give a prize to those children whose ideas were used for the other two logos.

Dates for Your Diary:

9 th – 13 th May	Year 6 SATs
W/C 13 th June	Phonics Test Week
29 th June	Years 3-6 Sports Day
8 th July	FS and Years 1-2 Sports Day