



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

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Wow! What a week. I can't help but feel Christmassy thanks to the amazing shows that the children produced this week. Each of the classes in the Infants and Juniors performed wonderfully and I felt a huge sense of pride watching each of the shows.

As we approach the Christmas break I am delighted with the progress that the pupils are making and continue to be astounded by the quality of teaching that they receive.

I hope that you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year. The final day for children at school is Tuesday 20th December and they will return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

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Bye Bye Mrs Lynch

Tuesday will be Mrs Lynch's final day with us here at Isaac Newton. Mrs Lynch has been Teaching Assistant for many years and has fulfilled numerous roles. She has done a wonderful job throughout her time here at Isaac Newton and we will miss her dearly. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you – literally hundreds of children will have benefitted from her support and guidance over her years with us!

Performance Tables

The school performance tables were published on 15th December. If you would like to see how we compare with the national and local picture then simply google "Performance Tables". This will lead you to the entry page where you can search as you wish. We are extremely proud of how well we have done!

Party Days

You should have been informed of your child's party day by the class teacher. On the party day children can wear their party clothes throughout the day (no school uniform is required). Please make sure that the clothing is appropriate for children to wear outdoors at break times and avoid shoes which may be dangerous whilst outdoors!

Scarlet Fever

During the week we were informed that there may have been a case of Scarlet Fever amongst the children in the school. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever please make an appointment at your surgery.

Christmas Card Recycling

Please bring your Christmas cards back to school after the holiday so that they can be recycled for charity. Many thanks.

Grantham Book Services

Next week each child will receive a book for Christmas thanks to a huge donation of books. We would like to thank **Grantham Book Services (Penguin/Random House Publishing)** for their generosity – we are delighted to be able to give each child a book and extremely grateful for the donation!

Toy Day

On Tuesday children will be allowed to bring toys to school. Please do not send anything electronic or of significant value such as hand held consoles, tablets etc. We would not be able to let the children use them and it will spoil their day if they are broken.

Tuck Shop

A number of children have been arriving at Tuck Shop with more than the 50p which we allow to be spent. Can Parents/Carers please ensure that just 50p is sent in for pupils to spend. In this way we can avoid disappointment.

Lateness

This term we will be having a push to ensure that all children are arriving at school in time to begin the school day with the rest of their class.

When a child arrives late at school, they miss valuable learning time. This is something that we must ensure does not happen.

The table below shows that way in which lateness can add up over time to make a huge difference to the amount of time that children are spending at school. We teach essential skills during the first session each morning and any lateness can make a massive difference to pupils' progress. Phonics is taught first thing in Years R,1 and 2 – as such missing these sessions effectively makes reading more difficult for your child. We welcome children into school at 8:50am each day. Children are considered to be late if they arrive after 9:00am. If they arrive after 9:20am they are marked as unauthorised absence for the morning!

DON'T BE LATE!

Number of minutes late a day	Number of days missed a year!
5	1 and a half days
10	2 and three quarter days
15	4 and a quarter days
20	5 and three quarter days (over a school week)
25	7 days
30	8 and a half days

This is based on children spending 5 hours and 20 minutes in class each day.

Dates for your Diary:

19 th and 20 th December	Christmas Parties
20 th December	Last Day of school
4 th January 2017	Children return to school