

The Apple



The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carer

Welcome back. I hope you all had a fantastic break during Christmas and New Year. We are delighted to have the children back at school and are really enjoying our new themes. The topics for this term are as follows:

Foundation Stage:	We could be Heroes
Years 1 and 2:	Into the Woods
Years 3 and 4	Savage Stone Age
Years 5 and 6	Mighty Mountains

The homework grids and overviews of the curriculum are now available in the "Homework" section of the school website.

A lot happened in the final two weeks of school prior to the Christmas break. We were delighted to welcome the Lionesses to school to help us out with the Christmas Fair. They were their usual brilliant selves and helped us to decorate lots of cakes! The raffle was drawn in the final week of term and the lucky winners were:



Hamper 1	Jacob – Class 2
Hamper 2	Brooke – Class 13
Hamper 3	Lexi – Year 4
Drone	Lexi – Year 5

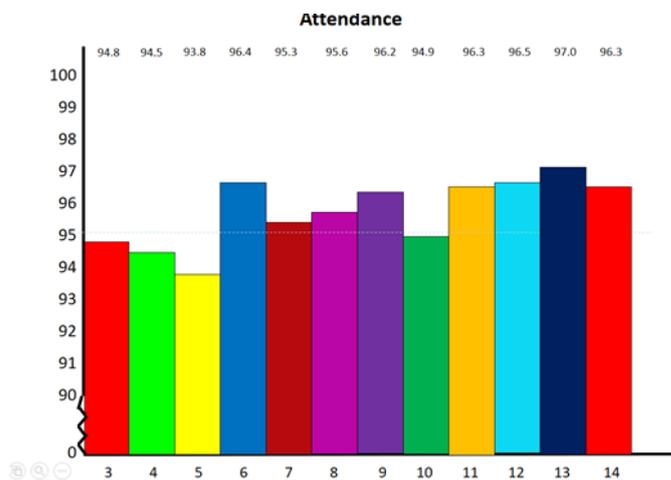
We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who donated an item to help the Fair to be so successful.

On the final of Tuesday of term we welcomed Maggie and Les from Rotary Stars to our assembly. One child from each class was selected as the star for the half term (Oct – Dec). The children had to show a great attitude or have been noticed for work that they do to help others. Well done to all of those pupils that were selected.

Final assembly saw 14 children being awarded with an achievement medal. This is an amazing award to be selected for as it only happens once a term!

We also announced the class winning the attendance award. Well done to class 13 – you will now be able to organise a treat. We are

currently at 95.9% attendance as a whole school and would really appreciate your support as we try and gain an attendance rate of over 96% for the first time in the school's history! The graph showing each classes attendance is below:



We also used the final assembly of term to show how the house point totaliser was filling up. At present 3 houses have 8 balls in the totalisers whilst Saunders have got a slight lead with 9. Each ball counts for 500 house points and Saunders are currently on 4676 so the gap is not too wide. Do you know which house/team your child is in?

House Points



I am delighted to be able to report that we had huge success at the Grantham Schools New Age Kurling Tournament yesterday. The girls were placed third whilst the boys were first and will now go on to the County Finals!

Finally, I would like to wish out school table tennis team luck as they represent Lincolnshire in and inter county competition this weekend. It is an amazing achievement to have got this far!

Paul Hill
Headteacher

DT Club

Unfortunately Mrs Clark has been unwell since our return to school. As such we have not contacted those children who will be in her DT club. We will be in touch with those who have been selected from the waiting list soon.

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to start Reception in September 2018.

Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception opened on 13th November and **closes on 15/01/2018**. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 17 to August 18) then you need to apply for a place soon! If you would like to come for a visit or know anybody who does then just make an appointment at the school office.

Dates For Your Diary:

24 th Jan	Rag Bag collection
7 th Feb	Family Bingo
9 th Feb	Last day before half term
19 th Feb	Children back in school
1 st March	World Book Day (More info to follow)
20 th March	Parents' Evening
21 st March	Parents' Evening
23 rd March	Sports Relief (more info to follow)

E-safety

The beginning of the year is a great time to remind your child(ren) of the need to be safe whilst using electronic devices which can access the internet. If your child be uses a phone, laptop, computer, tablet or other internet enabled device over the half term break then please remember to go over the SMART rules with them.



We need your votes please!

Isaac Newton Primary School is bidding to bag a cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

We are one of three groups on the shortlist, with our project: "Into the Wild"



We would like to install a nature area, to include bird feeding stations, two bird hides, Buddleja planting to entice Butterfly's, and log piles and bug hotels to entice wildlife. The children can then study the natural wild life around them.

In addition we would like to build a safer, new

outdoor classroom area (with canopy) for all weather usage. The children can then remain outdoors throughout their entire lesson.

Voting is open throughout January and February in the following stores:

Tesco Express on Harrowby Lane.

Tesco Express on Barrowby Gate.

Tesco Superstore, Sleaford.

Customers can cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Please look out for our name in store and vote for Isaac Newton Primary School.

THANK YOU!

