



# The Apple

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## Dear Parents/Carers

It is great to see all the children working so brilliantly at the end of their first full week back at school. The quality of writing and work about "The Story Giant" is fantastic and we really have got off to a fantastic start to the school year.

Before the summer break each of the classes in school began to look at what makes a good learner. We really focused on the idea of perseverance (not giving up when things are difficult), questioning, collaboration (team work) and revising. This term we are looking at the qualities of absorption (losing yourself in your learning), imagination, planning and empathy. As such our assembly theme will be empathy. We are hoping that the children will be able to understand how others feel in a range of situations and then use this to help each other in their learning and other aspects of every day school life!

**Paul Hill**  
**Headteacher**

## End of day:

Please remember that the timings for the end of the school day are as follows:

Foundation Stage are collected at 3:20pm  
Years 1 and 2 are collected at 3:25pm  
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are collected at 3:30pm

We ask that you stay away from the windows of the classrooms at the end of the school day as adults peering in can be disconcerting and also very off-putting when children are trying to work.

## Free School Meals

We are currently trying to ensure that the school receives its fair share of "Pupil Premium" monies. A significant amount of money is given to the school for all children who are eligible for a free school meal when the annual income of Parents/Carers is taken into account. If you have received this letter and are eligible for Free School Meals please do let us know. This ensures that we will get the correct allocation throughout your child's time at Isaac Newton.

## Uniform

Thank you to all of those Parents/Carers who have sent their children back to school looking smart and ready for class. A few children have been wearing trainers and necklaces at school. Necklaces are not allowed in school unless there is a medical or religious reason for their use. As such can all parents and carers please ensure that they are removed prior to the pupils' return to school on Monday. As a school we pride ourselves on the presentation of our pupils' appearance and feel it sets the tone for great learning. As such can all children please wear school shoes. Thank you for your continued support.

## Screening

As a school we pride ourselves on the way in which we seek to identify any issues with learning and then provide strategies to help pupils who may be struggling. At the start of the school year it is a good time to check for any additional needs that pupils may have. Over the coming weeks we will be assessing a large number of pupils to see if they require additional help. Mrs Dickson will contact you should this be the case.

## Home start

Home Start Grantham is local family support charity that serves both Grantham and the surrounding areas. It provides ongoing confidential tailored support to families with children under the age of 11 who are experiencing difficulties. If you have any issues that you are struggling with (behaviour, lone parenting, isolation, depression...) no matter how big or small you can get extra support when needed. Just contact the Home Start team for more information:

Email: [admin@homestartgrantham.org.uk](mailto:admin@homestartgrantham.org.uk)

Website: [www.homestartgrantham.org.uk](http://www.homestartgrantham.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary:

16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 5/6 Cross Country Comp
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 to Walton Girls Performance
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 to PGL – residential