



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

School has been a hive of activity this week. Having arrived back for a 4 day week and then seen OFSTED visit in week 2 it is great to be back to normality. As I walk around the school I am delighted to see the way in which the children have settled and amazed by the quality of the work that has already been produced.

We were incredibly impressed with the way in which the Year 4s adapted to life on their first residential last week. They had a fantastic time at Stibbington and were a huge credit to the school. Staff at the centre even commented on the standard of the pupils' behaviour.

The school cross country team was in action last Wednesday. They competed well whilst taking on a difficult challenge. Leo managed to achieve 8th place with Ronnie Mae 17th. We were really proud of all the children who entered.

On Wednesday this week we were delighted to welcome Maddie Brasier to school to tell the Year 1 and 2 pupils all about her time in Antarctica! This was a brilliant experience for the children bringing our Polar Explorers theme to life.

Other exciting developments this week include the unveiling of House Captains and Vice Captains, the appointments of members of the School Council and the naming of our Bronze Ambassadors. Well done to all of the children who are representing the school in one of these areas.

Paul Hill
Headteacher

Staying Safe online

As technology continues to develop quickly it is important to ensure that you have safeguards in place when your child is using devices that allow them to access the internet. This week we are highlighting a couple of helpful resources.

Think U Know:

This is a fantastic website with age appropriate sections for children as well as a brilliant guide for parents. It has a wealth of information alongside games/clips to help your child to understand both the benefits and drawbacks of the internet. Simply google ThinkUKnow to find the site.

Kidsrex:

Kidsrex is a child friendly search engine which filters out most of those websites that you would not like your child to come across when searching. Whilst no search engine can ever guarantee it is 100% free of inappropriate content this is certainly a lot more robust than the search engines that are usually used.

Dates for your Diary:

5 th Oct	Family Bingo
18 th Oct	School Discos
20 th Oct	Last Day at School
30 th Oct	INSET day – No Children
31 st Oct	Children Return to School

Foodbank

We are delighted to announce that we will be supporting the Grantham Foodbank again this year. The foodbank is a brilliant local charity which can provide food packages to families in times of need. We will send out more information in the coming week and will be liaising with the foodbank to ensure that we are able to help support their work in the coming weeks.

Walking home alone

Can all Parents and Carers of pupils in Years 5 and 6 please ensure that the class teacher has been informed should the end of day procedures change for your child. **If you would like your child to walk home alone then you must let your child's class teacher know.** If you don't then it can be extremely confusing for both the child and teacher and mean that we have upset children at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

Did you know?

Did you know that we run a house system for pupils here at Isaac Newton. Each child from Years 1-6 is placed in one of the houses and can achieve star points (Years 1 and 2) or house points (Years 3-6). These points are added up each week so that children can achieve certificates and contribute to the overall total for their house. The houses are as follows:

Tennyson (blue) was a poet Laureate

Foale (green) was an astronaut

Saunders (yellow) is a comedienne

Robertson (red) was a Field Marshall

Each of the houses are named after famous people from Lincolnshire and were voted for by the pupils in Years 3-6 two years ago.

Family Bingo

We will hold a family bingo event on 5th October at 3:30pm in the Studio Hall. Tickets are on sale in the school office for £1.50 (hotdog included)

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Discos will take place on 18th October.

Years 1 and 2

4:30pm until 5:30pm - £1.50 including crisps and a drink.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

6:15pm-7:15pm - £2 including crisps, a drink and disco hire.

Please note that Reception children do not attend discos in the first term.