



The Apple



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Dear Parents/Carer

It is great to see how the children have settled so quickly back into school life. I've really enjoyed popping into classrooms over the last week as it gives me the opportunity to talk to the children about what they are doing and for them to share some of their fantastic work with me. I have already been impressed by so many of the children; they should be proud of the way in which they go about their work and the high standards that they set themselves. At Isaac Newton, it's important that we help our children to become independent learners and I reminded them of this in my assembly on Monday. We talked about the importance of the 4 R's and how these can help them to become more independent. When going around school I'm looking for the children to be: **Ready (to learn), Resilient, Resourceful and Reflective.**

Speaking of high standards and independent learning, I was 'blown away' by the Year 6's work this week for the Gravity Fields Festival. They had an artist come in to work with them for the afternoon, during which they created giant flowers out of foam. These are going to be used as part of the Gravity Fields Festival between the 26th and 30th of September. However, I'll be slightly sad to see them leave our Year 6 corridor as they make a wonderful display! Well done Year 6!



I hope that you find my first Friday newsletter both interesting and informative and I look forward to writing to you every fortnight to tell you more about some of the fantastic things that are happening here at Isaac Newton Primary School!

Chris Heathcote
Headteacher

Holiday Requests

There has been an influx of holiday requests since our return in September. Please remember that these will not be authorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances. The vast majority of pupils taking holiday in school time have been recorded as unauthorised absence since a change in government policy 3 years ago. Please remember that pupils' regular attendance at school makes a huge difference to their outcomes.

Medical Appointments Abroad

Can all Parents/Carers please be aware that we will require evidence of any appointments with doctors or hospitals should your child need to leave the country for any treatments. This can be in the form of a letter from the doctor/hospital.

Cross Country Success!

A huge well done to all those who took part in the Year 5 and 6 cross country competition at the Meres on Wednesday evening. You all did yourselves and the school proud! A special congratulation goes to Ronnie Mae who finished 3rd out of 90 girls in her race, receiving a bronze medal for her efforts!



Mrs Atter informs me that this is the first time one of our children has won a medal in this event since she has been here. What a great start to our sporting year!

Car Parking:

Could all parents, carers and visitors please be considerate when parking outside of the main school gate. We have had reports of cars being parked too far onto the pavement, restricting the space for people to pass with pushchairs. As they are unable to get through, pushchairs are being forced to go onto the road which is not safe, especially at busy times in the morning. Thank you for your support with this matter.

School Uniform

It's been a real pleasure to see so many children looking smart in their school uniform. Correct school uniform is one way in which we ensure standards and expectations remain high here at Isaac Newton and I'd like to thank you for your continued support with this. With that in mind, I'd just like to pass on a few reminders about what is considered correct school uniform.

- Our winter uniform consists of: a grey sweatshirt, white shirt/ polo shirt, grey or black trousers or skirt and black school shoes.
- Please be reminded: 'jo-jo' bows are not permitted under our uniform policy. A smaller, plainer accessory may be worn.
- There should be no 'extreme hairstyles' (shaved patterns, spiking etc.). The definition of what constitutes an 'extreme hairstyle' is at the discretion of the headteacher.
- Hair should be its natural colour and not dyed. If this has been done during the holidays, please ensure that it is washed out in time for the start of the new school term (or as close to this time as possible).
- Jewellery can present a health and safety risk during the school day. As such, we request that children do not wear jewellery to school unless there is a medical reason.
- Children should only wear studs in their ears and these will need to be removed (by the child themselves) prior to taking part in PE.

PE Kit

Please can all parents/carers ensure that children have the correct PE kit in school at all times. This is as follows:

- **Indoor:** a plain/school black t-shirt, black sports shorts and a pair of plimsolls.
- **Outdoor:** The above, a pair of jogging bottoms and a hoodless warm sweater.

Below is a list of the days when each class has their PE session:

Classes 1 and 2: Wednesday

Classes 3 and 4: Friday

Classes 5 and 6: Tuesday

Classes 7 and 8: Monday

Classes 9 and 10: Tuesday

Classes 11 and 12: Wednesday

Classes 13 and 14: Thursday

Key Stage One Playground

We hope that the playground will finally be completed by Wednesday. Once the fencing has been removed and the playground is ready to use, pick up and drop off routines will return to normal. Once again, thank you for your patience whilst this is being completed.

School Term Dates:

Term 1 5 Sept - 19 Oct

October Break

Term 2 29 Oct - 21 Dec

Christmas Break

Term 3 7 Jan - 14 Feb

February Break

Term 4 25 Feb – 5 Apr

Easter Break

Term 5 23 Apr - 24 May

May Break

Term 6 3 Jun - 19 Jul

Summer Holiday

Dates For Your Diary:

17th September	Yr 3 Beaumanor Visit
19th September	Yr 5 Southwell Workhouse Visit
20th September	Yr 6 Southwell Workhouse Visit
24th-26th September	Yr 6 PGL residential
10th October	Family Bingo
15th October	School Photographs
2nd Oct	Y2 Leicester Museum Visit
3rd Oct	Y1 Leicester Museum Visit
19th October	Last Day at School
29th October	Children Return to School
31st October	School Discos