



THE APPLE

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Dear Parents/Carer

What a busy few weeks it has been here at Isaac Newton with all of our Christmas performances! I've really enjoyed being able to watch all of the children and would like to thank all of the family members who attended- it was great to meet so many of you!

We began our Christmas season with the Foundation Stage Nativity. I was so impressed by the progress that the children had made since joining us- they not only remembered their roles but also all the words to the songs...fantastic!

We then had our Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Christmas shows. The classes performed lots of different songs around the Christmas theme and we were treated to everything from 'Rudolph the red nosed reindeer' to a Christmas version of a song from 'The Greatest Showman'- not to mention Mrs Skerritt dressed as a brussel sprout! In our Key Stage Two show we also had some wonderful drama from our Year 6's to help link the performances together... I'm pleased that they managed to help Santa and get Christmas back on track! Well done to all the children for their fantastic effort and performances.

We finished off the season with some musical performances. Our violinists started us off with a concert supported by our school choir. The children showed that hard work and practice pays off with some wonderful group and even solo performances. The following day we had our Year 4's performing with the ukulele (a personal favourite of mine), supported by some of our Year 6's who treated us to songs from the musical 'Oliver'. Once again, well done to all the children for their fantastic effort and performances.

Our final show finished off with the drawing of the raffle! Mrs Fulcher was announced as the winner, however it since turns out that the name on the ticket was actually a child in 'Mrs Fulcher's' class- that'll teach me not to read the ticket properly! You'll be pleased to know that this has all since been sorted out, much to the amusement of the staff in school... 'onwards and upwards' for next year's raffle.

This will be my last newsletter prior to the Christmas break. I would like to thank all of the staff here at school for their continued hard work (especially with the Christmas performances). The children are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful people working with them each and every day. I hope that you all have an excellent Christmas and a great New Year.

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Midday Supervisor Retirements

Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Beck and Mrs Glover, who are both retiring from their positions as midday supervisors. They have been working at Isaac Newton for many years and will be missed by all the staff and children. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all their hard work and to wish them well for the future. Mrs Beck has kindly agreed to help out at school from time-to-time so we are very much looking forward to keeping in touch!

Volleyball Success

A huge congratulations goes to our 'A' and 'B' teams, who both put in fantastic performances during the recent volleyball competition at the Meres. The overall result left our 'A' team finishing in 1st place and our 'B' team finishing in 3rd place. The children very much enjoyed showing off their trophy and medals during assembly and I was proud to put my first trophy as Headteacher at Isaac Newton, into our trophy cabinet!



Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term (Friday 21st) we are inviting the children and staff to come into school wearing their Christmas Jumpers in return for a donation of £1 for the 'Save the Children' charity. Children will still be required to wear the rest of their school uniform (apart from the jumper of course).

Last Day of Term

On the last day of term (Friday 21st) the children will be taking part in festive activities, including a whole school Christmas card competition. As part of the day the children will be designing and creating their own 'moveable' Christmas Cards and the winner of each year group will receive a prize during assembly.

Please note that children are not to bring in any toys or games on the last day of term.

Applying for a place in Reception next year

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are due to start Reception in September 2019. Don't forget that the window for applying for a place in Reception is now open. If your child is 4 this school year (Sept 18 to August 19) 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.

Donation to the school

A big thank you to Ellie Broome's family for donating a nativity set to the school. The stable was handmade from wood, the figures knitted by hand and there were even some lights added! The children and adults have all enjoyed admiring it and it looks wonderful in our school



reception- I can't wait to get it out again next year.

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!

Dates For Your Diary:

20 th Dec	Class Christmas Party Afternoon (details will follow for each class)
21 st Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (for 'Save the Children' charity)
21 st Dec	Last day of term
7 th Jan	Children Return to School

Swimarathon



On Sunday 3rd February we will be taking part in the Rotary Club's 'Swimarathon' event as the Meres Leisure Centre in Grantham- to raise money for charity. We will meet at 9am to begin swimming at 9.30am. We are currently putting together the teams so if you are interested in taking part in the event then please contact Mrs Toole. Children who are not able to swim 25m with ease on their own MUST swim with an adult.

P.E

Now the weather is getting colder please make sure the children have appropriate clothing to wear for their PE sessions. This could be black leggings or jogging bottoms and a jacket or hooded top as P.E. sessions will be outside where possible.

Shutting School For Snow

With winter upon us and cold spells forecast we would like to ensure that all Parents/Carers are aware of the way in which we would notify you should we have to close school. We would never take this decision lightly and would only close the school should we assess the situation and realise that staff or pupils would be in danger should we open. Notification of any closure would be by local radio, word of mouth, Twitter, Facebook and most importantly the school website.

Lionesses

The Lionesses came in to decorate cakes with the children last week. We then raised a massive £121.17 following our bake sale after school. Thank you all for your support.

