



Thursday February 6th 2020 will see the sixth annual **Harry Potter Book Night** celebrated throughout the world and at Grantham Library we are getting ready to host magical events themed around the Triwizard tournament.

At these events young Witches, Wizards and Muggles will enjoy themed games and crafts. The Sorting Hat will decide your House then you can partake in spellbinding crafts and a quiz to test your wizarding knowledge!

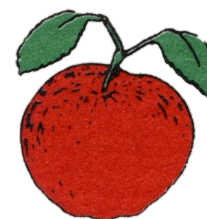
There will be three events, the first of which will be run on Thursday 6th February at Grantham Library. The next events will be held on Saturday 8th February and Monday 10th February. All sessions are free of charge (although a donation towards craft materials would be gratefully received). **Booking is essential** as places are limited.

Get your free ticket from Grantham Library at anytime before the 5th February.

Please note those without a ticket will unfortunately be turned away.

Grantham Library, First Floor, Isaac Newton Shopping Centre, Grantham, Lincs.

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The Apple

The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carer

It's been another busy few weeks here at Isaac Newton with so much to try and squeeze into one newsletter!

I've been seeing lots of new reading displays popping up around school recently. All classrooms have now got the books which they are reading with their classes displayed on their doors. It's great to be able to talk to the children about a book which they have had read to them at school and what they have enjoyed about it! We are also running a competition in school to challenge children to read as much as possible. Each year group has their own way of recording this with the classes working towards a special reward should they be the winner or achieve the goal. Mrs Pask will be thinking up lots of other initiatives to help get children reading more at Isaac Newton!



Unfortunately we say goodbye to Mrs Wade this week, who is leaving her position here to spend more time with her family. Mrs Wade has worked in Years 2 and 3, since joining us here at Isaac Newton and on behalf of all of the children and staff, I would like to say a huge thank you for all of her hard work. She will be dearly missed by all of us but we wish her well for the future.

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

Free Fruit in School

Free fruit is now available to ALL children in school! The government provides children in Key Stage One with free fruit but as a school we feel that all children should be entitled to it, so have secured a charitable donation to help us provide this.



Each class in Key Stage Two now has a box which will be placed out on the playground containing their class' fruit for the day. The type of fruit (or vegetable) will vary and includes things such as apples, tomatoes, bananas and carrots.

Please can you encourage your child to eat at least one piece of school fruit a day and take advantage of this fantastic initiative! As a school we are looking to try and stop all unhealthy snacks at breaktimes and will therefore be offering children pieces of fruit as an alternative to any unhealthy snacks which we spot. We would appreciate it if you could support us by ensuring that your child does not come to school with unhealthy snacks such as chocolate biscuits, packets of crisps and sweets.



Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents to be mindful of the type of water bottle that their children are bringing to school. We have recently seen some glass water bottles being brought in and due to health and safety reasons these really aren't suitable for school. Please ensure that your child does not bring a glass water bottle to school!

We encourage all children to drink plenty throughout the school day. Our policy is that only water is to be consumed during lesson times and PE. At lunchtime cordial and water (squash) is permitted. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Indoor Athletics

Last week our Indoor Athletics team were in action at the Grantham & District Competition. Competing against 9 other local primary schools the children took part in a variety of track and field events. These included speed bounce, triple jump, chest push, under over relay and sprint relays. The children were fantastic all morning, supporting each other with each race and event. The noise in the hall was electric - over 200 primary school children shouting and cheering their team mates. After the points were counted up, we were awarded the Bronze medals!! This is a superb result and shows how hard the children have worked during lessons and at training after schools to perfect their events. Well done everyone, we are all incredibly proud of you!!



Seated Volleyball

This term we have entered a new event to the competition programme - Seated Volleyball. A team of 4 children went to the competition at Kings School Sports Hall following a series of practice sessions. The children picked up on the rules and techniques very quickly, winning all three of their matches. They were crowned winners of the tournament, presented with a trophy and medals. Well done to the team, you were fantastic all day!!



Swimarathon

The annual Rotary Club ‘Swimarathon’ takes place on Sunday 9th February. We will meet at 8.50am in reception, ready to swim at 9.30am. Please could all swimmers hand their sponsor forms into the office or to Mrs Toole by Thursday 30th January. We would be grateful if all sponsor money could be handed to the office by Friday 1st March. Thank you all very much for your support.

School Disco

The School Discos will take place on Tuesday 11th February.

- Years 1 and 2 4:30pm until 5:30pm - £2.00 including crisps, a drink and disco hire.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 6:00pm-7:15pm - £2.00 including crisps, a drink and disco hire.

There are a limited number of tickets still available from the school reception.

Please note that we do not hold a disco for Reception children due to their age.

Parent and Child Reading Session

On Tuesday we invited our parents and carers in Year 1 to attend a reading session with their child. The sessions were based around one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson! Miss Mandefield and Miss Haddock began by reading their favourite Julia Donaldson book, before everyone took part in lots of lovely activities related to reading.

It was wonderful to watch adults and children so engrossed in reading activities and hopefully some of the adults have taken away a couple of useful things to help support them when reading with their child at home.

Reading at home is one of the most important things you can do with your child to help them at school. It has a huge impact and those children who read regularly at home make much more progress with their reading than those who don’t.

If you didn’t manage to attend the session but would like advice and guidance about how to support your child’s reading at home then please do not hesitate to pop in and see your child’s class teacher- they will be more than happy to help!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers in Year 1 who attended the session and also to Miss Mandefield, Miss Haddock and Mrs Pask for all of their hard work in organising the event. If you’d like to see some pictures from the workshop then please take a look at our school website, facebook page or twitter.



Time Tables Rock Stars

Battles		Past		Present	Future		
Home	Away	Start	End				
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 8	0	0	Class 7	13 Jan 20, 14:34	24 Feb 20, 14:35		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 9	0	0	Class 10	13 Jan 20, 14:35	24 Feb 20, 14:35		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 11	0	0	Class 12	13 Jan 20, 14:36	24 Feb 20, 14:36		
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 13	0	0	Class 14	13 Jan 20, 14:36	24 Feb 20, 14:36		

‘Times Tables Rock Stars’ is an app which we use in school to help children learn their timetables. In the classes where this is used, every child has their own login. Mrs Moorcroft has asked me to remind parents/ carers that children can play ‘Times Tables Rock Stars’ at home as well as in school. She has now set up competitions between classes which will end on the Monday after half term. Once the competition ends we will hand out certificates to the children who have contributed the most points to their team! ROCK ON!

Attendance

Attendance has seen a significant rise over the past year and a bit, with the school consistently being above the national average of 96%. Thank you for all of your support.

Unfortunately our school attendance has started to drop again and although we know that there was a significant amount of illness during November and December, we also know that there are a number of children who are not attending as well as they could be. When children do not attend school as much as we would expect, we have had to send letters home which may eventually lead to a fine should school attendance not improve. If you do get a letter then please do all that you can in order to ensure that your child is at school as often as possible.

Where there are concerns about school attendance, Mrs Pask holds meetings with parents and carers to ensure that the school can support them and address any

concerns they may have. Hopefully we will be able to work together to ensure that our children are in school as often as possible and get back to above 96%. Thank you to all those parent/carers (there are lots and lots of you) who continue to ensure that your children attend school regularly.

Every School Day Counts Your Child Deserves an Education					
190 school days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
	100%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor	
This is the best chance of success. Get your child off to a flying start. You should be aiming for 96% and above.		WORRYING Less chance of success. It's harder for your child to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child. Could lead to court action or Fixed Penalty Notice.	

Weekly Wonders

As there is so much amazing work going on in school each week, we’ve decided to produce a ‘Weekly Wonders’ page which we will update each week on our school website. This page can be found in the ‘News’ section of our website. Here is a link to January’s ‘Weekly Wonders’: https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/january_2020/443118

Please take the time to visit our school website and admire some of the fantastic things going on in school. You never know, you might even spot some work by your child!



Dates For Your Diary:

9 th February	Swimarathon Meres Leisure Centre. (Meet at 9.00am)
10 th February	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop (School Hall)
11 th February	Year 4 Stone Age Workshop (School Hall)
11 th February	Infants Disco (4.30pm-5.30pm)
11 th February	Junior Disco (6.00pm-7.15pm)
11 th March	Year 5 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit
12 th March	Year 6 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit
18 th March	Parents’ Evening (until 8pm)
19 th March	Parents’ Evening (until 5pm)
23 rd March	Year 5 half day visit to PGL.
1 st April	Class Photographs

School Term Dates:	
Term 1	4 Sept - 18 Oct October Break
Term 2	29 Oct - 19 Dec Christmas Break
Term 3	6 Jan - 13 February Break
Term 4	24 February – 2 Apr Easter Break
Term 5	20 Apr - 22 May May Break
Term 6	1 Jun - 21 Jul Summer Holiday