

Dates For Your Diary:

23rd-25th Sept	Year 6 PGL residential
2 nd Oct	Year 5 Gainsborough Hall Visit
3 rd Oct	Year 6 Gainsborough Hall Visit
8 th Oct	Years 1 and 2 Fire of London Outdoor Workshop
14 th Oct	School Photographs
17 th Oct	4.30pm-5.30pm Halloween Disco (Years 1-2) 6.00pm-7.15pm Halloween Disco (Years 3-6)

School Term Dates:

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



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Dear Parents/Carer

School has been a hive of activity this week. 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. During the visit, I failed to impress both the children and staff with my fire lighting skills, however with a little help from Mrs Goodwin we were able

to ensure marshmallows were finally toasted! A huge thank you to all the staff who stayed over with us, you were great fun and did a fantastic job of looking after all the children. Good luck to all of our Year 6s who are going to PGL next week, I will be looking forward to catching up with you all on Tuesday.

Finally, I would like to share a bit of my own news with you this week. I'm excited to announce that my own family will be growing soon as my wife and I are expecting our second child (another boy) in November. Once the time finally arrives I will be off school for a short period of time on paternity leave. In my absence please do not hesitate to come in a talk to Mrs Pask or Mrs Beeby should you have any concerns regarding school or your child.

Chris Heathcote

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Headteacher

After School Clubs

Please can we remind parents/carers that they do not need to pick up their children from after school clubs **until 4.30pm**. In order for us to keep our school site secure, the gates will be closed at the end of the day (at around 3.45pm) and will not be opened again until 4.25pm, allowing parents/ carers to come back into school to pick up their children after any clubs. Pick up locations following a club will remain the same. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Discos will take place on Thursday 17th October.

Years 1 and 2 4:30pm until 5:30pm - £2 including crisps and a drink.

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

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

National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**
This will give you a good overview of the types of things your children are doing on their devices. Along with their interests, remember that they may be using apps or games that you haven't heard of. Be aware that some apps and games are designed to be addictive, so it's important to ensure you are up to date with what they are doing.
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**
This will give you a good overview of the types of things your children are doing on their devices. Along with their interests, remember that they may be using apps or games that you haven't heard of. Be aware that some apps and games are designed to be addictive, so it's important to ensure you are up to date with what they are doing.
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?**
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- Do you have any online friends?**
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- Do you know where to go for help?**
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- Do you know what your personal information is?**
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- Do you know your friend's?**
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Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. However, If your child is in Reception to Year 2 and you are in receipt of the benefits listed below the school can receive additional funding. We would encourage you to apply for this to enable us to access this funding to help us to further enhance the opportunities that we provide for the children.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 they may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension

Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2019 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you are eligible, you will have to apply yourself via Lincolnshire

County Council's online free school meals application service using the following:
<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

If you need any support with the process then please do not hesitate to pop into the school office.

Accelerated Reader

You may have noticed that we have started a new reading scheme in school this year for many of our children in Key Stage Two. The 'free reading' books that the children read have now been colour banded by their level of difficulty. We use the results of our reading tests to determine which colour band (s) the children should be reading and they select their books based on this. We have already spent a huge amount of money investing in new books to ensure that the children have lots to choose from! Once the



children have read a book they complete a short quiz to check that they are understanding what they are reading. We hope that this will help the children to better

develop their reading skills but should you have any concerns or queries about what you child is reading, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to their class teacher.

Aldi Kit For Schools Campaign

We are collecting the Aldi 'Kit for Schools' stickers! Spend of £30 in store and you will receive a sticker, please collect as many as you can. We need 300 to get a free kit bag full of sports goodies. The website link is: www.getseteatfresh.co.uk.

Thank you for you support!

Grapes

If your child is bringing grapes into school as part of their packed lunch or morning snack, please can you ensure that they are chopped in half. Whole grapes are a choking hazard and as a result we are unable to allow children to eat these in school.

PE Kit

Please can all parents/carers ensure that children have the correct PE kit in school. 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.

Year groups will have PE on the following days:

Monday – Year 1
Tuesday – Year 3/ Year 2
Wednesday – Reception/ Year 5
Thursday – Year 6
Friday – Year 4

Please can all children have their PE Kit in school on their timetabled day and earrings should be removed in preparation for lessons. Thank you.

Welcome Mrs Truby

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Truby to the team here at Isaac Newton. Mrs Truby is currently teaching class 4 whilst Miss Haddock is on maternity leave. She has settled in really well and I know she will continue to do a fantastic job of teaching the children!

Labelling School Uniform

At the start of the school year many pupils have new uniform and P.E. kit. It is essential that all school clothing is labelled with the pupil's full name. It becomes almost impossible to track down lost clothing if a name label is not present.

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. Your child will be receiving more information about this today or early next week. The Foodbank collection will take place on Friday 27th.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a new Parent Governor. If you would like to put your name forward then please pick up a letter from the school office. Mr Heathcote would be delighted to meet with anybody who would like to discuss the role – just book an appointment by calling the office.

Amazing Homework

I've already seen some absolutely fantastic homework coming into school! Here you can see a model of a town which has been decimated by a hurricane and a tsunami-linking into the Year 3/4 topic of 'Extreme Earth'.



There is also a model of the bakery which is said to have started 'The Great Fire of London' made by one of our Year Two children. These pieces of homework were so good that I had to give out some of my special 'Headteacher Award' Stickers, which I save for only the most amazing things!!!

