



The Apple



The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carer

It has been another extremely busy and successful week here at school. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of those members of the school community who came to the Rotary Club Swimarathon last Sunday. It was incredible to fill each lane in

the pool and a tremendous effort by all. We have raised over £2000 for the Rotary Club which fantastic.



Inside school we've also been busy. Our Year 3s and 4s were treated to a fantastic Stone Age workshop where they learnt lots of new things. This was also a chance

for them to show off some of the learning which they have already been doing in class. The man delivering the workshop was very impressed with both the behaviour and knowledge of all our children- well done evervone!

In Year 6 the children have been getting stuck into their topic. Here you can see some of their wonderful about work



mountains. They even had a competition to see which group could create the largest mountain structure. Great for our learning powers of 'collaborating and 'persevering. Don't forget to check out our 'Weekly Wonders' page on the school website (on the news page) to find out even more about life in school!

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Finally – please don't forget that it is the half term break next week. The children return on Monday 24th February.

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Headteacher

School Transport

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2020 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

Drinks in 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.



Attendance

Attendance has seen a significant rise over As many of you will already 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.

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school	180	19 days absence				
days in each year	days of education	171 days of	29 days absence			
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		education	days of education	152 days of education	47 days obserce 143 days of education	
100% Excellent	95% Good	90% Poor	85% Very Poor	80%	75%	
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.		

Free Fruit in School

be aware, all of the children in **Sucking** school now have access to free fruit at breaktimes. We would



very much appreciate your support with healthy eating in school so if you could encourage your children to eat the free fruit and ensure that they are only coming to school with healthy snacks then that would be fantastic. We also have our 'healthy tuck shop' which will be taking place on Fridays!

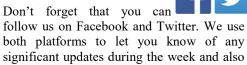
Forest Schools

A huge congratulations to Mrs Fulcher for passing the practical element of her forest schools qualification. She now only needs to submit her written work before becoming a fully qualified forest schools leader! The children have already benefitted hugely from all the activities which she has been running and we look forward to her having a wider impact across the whole school.



Mrs Fulcher has also organised an outdoor learning day for the staff during our INSET day on Friday. The staff will then be using what they have learnt to enhance our curriculum and plan opportunities for the children to make the most of our outdoor environment!

Facebook and Twitter



to show what has been going on in school.

Legacy Tour Assembly

Last week we hosted the Inspire+ Legacy Tour Assembly. Our Bronze Young Ambassadors led the assembly, presenting

and [facts information all about the Olympics and **Paralympics** taking place in Tokvo. We were handed the flag, which



is being signed by all the local primary schools. It will then be given to Jonathan-Broom Edwards, a Paralympic high jumper and Inspire+ ambassador, who is competing this summer. We signed the flag, wishing Jonathan good luck for the competition. We then went to Huntingtower Primary School the following day to hand over the tour and flag. A huge well done to our Bronze Ambassadors, standing and presenting in front of the school can be very scary - you did a fantastic job, we are proud of you!!

Gymnastics

Last week 10 Year 2 children attended the Grantham Gymnastics Competition at Huntingtower School. This was the first time they had represented Isaac Newton School at a sporting event and they were very excited! The children have been practising during lesson times and at an after school club, so were fully prepared. Each child completed a floor and a vault routine, performing in front of a large audience of parents and judges. Once all schools competed, they were awarded with certificates and badges for their efforts. Well done to everyone, you were fantastic all afternoon!



Dates For Your Diary:

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13 th February	Last Day Before Half Term			
24 th February	School Re-Opens			
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)	Т		
23 rd March	Year 5 half day visit to PGL.			
1 st April	Class Photographs			
11th May	SATs Week			

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