

Parents' Evenings

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we will be unable to hold face-to-face Parents' Evenings this term. Instead we will be sending home a short, one page report about your child's progress. On the form there will be the option for you to request a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher and these will be arranged as soon as possible following your request.

Headbands and Bows

Recently we have noticed a number of children coming into school wearing large multi-coloured bows and highly decorated headbands. As part of our school uniform policy we permit children to wear a simple, plain headband or small, plainly coloured bow. Please can you ensure that this is followed to help us continue with our high standards of school uniform. Thank you for your support with this matter.

School Fruit

Free fruit is now available again 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.

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 break times 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.



Isolation Information

We would like to clarify that if any member of a child's household displays any of the symptoms of coronavirus (but has not yet had a test result) or has tested positive then they **MUST** self-isolate.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

School Term Dates:

Term 1:	Thursday 3 rd September 2020 – Thursday 22 nd October 2020
Term 2:	Monday 2 nd November 2020 - Thursday 17 th December 2020
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	Friday 25 th & Monday 28 th December 2020, Friday 1 st January 2021
Term 3:	Monday 4 th January 2021 - Friday 12 th February 2021
Term 4:	Monday 22 nd February 2021 - Wednesday 31 st March 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	Good Friday 2 nd April & Easter Monday 5 th April 2021
Term 5:	Monday 19 th April 2021 - Friday 28 th May 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	Monday 3 rd May & Monday 31 st May 2021
Term 6:	Monday 7 th June 2021 - Wednesday 21 st July 2021



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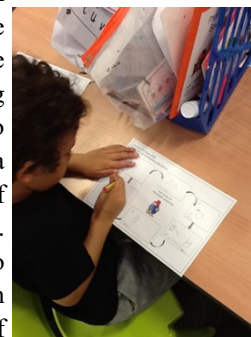
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Dear Parents/Carer

We've had another few busy weeks here at Isaac Newton and the children have continued to impress us with their

fantastic attitude and super work! Our Year 1's have been working particularly hard with their work on 'instructions'. In the pictures you can see them following some instructions to help them draw a picture of Paddington Bear. They are also beginning to plan some instructions of their own about how to make his favourite snack....marmalade sandwiches.



We've been impressed with the quality of homework that we have been receiving so thank you to all of you for supporting your

child(ren) with this at home! Some of the children often bring their homework to my office to show me- it is always a real pleasure to hear them speak so confidently and proudly about what they have achieved!

Finally, we continue to make sure that the children make as much use of the fantastic outdoor space here as possible! All of the children have been taking advantage of their sessions in the Forest School and exploring outdoor learning. At Isaac Newton we value a wide curriculum with a range of opportunities and experiences. We know that there's lots of Maths and Literacy that we need to 'catch up on' following school closures but we are trying to balance this with a broad range of other subjects too. We will be starting whole class music tuition again next week and have conducted a thorough risk assessment to ensure that we can do this safely. We are hoping that we will be able to restart violin tuition soon too so 'watch this space' for more details!



Chris Heathcote

Heathcote
Headteacher

Relationships, Health and Sex Education Parent Consultation

We are currently holding a consultation for parents regarding the teaching of 'Relationships, Health and Sex Education' in school. The Government have now made the teaching of this statutory and as a result all schools have to consult with parents regarding this. A letter will be sent out to all Parents/Carers today explaining how you can respond to the consultation if you wish. Further information can also be found on the school website using the link below. This includes a copy of our 'Parents Presentation' which we have unfortunately not been able to hold within school due to Covid-19.

https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/relationships_health_and_sex_education_parent_consultation/508980

School Site

The new path has now been laid across the school field to support Parents/ Carers with following our 'one way system'.



This will hopefully ensure that we are able to continue with this safely during the 'wetter' winter months. We are still waiting for our new ramp to arrive which will go on the steps of the basketball court- we hope to have this in place by next week. A huge amount of time and financial investment has gone into these improvements so please can Parents/ Carers ensure that they are



following the 'one way system' correctly at all times. We have designed and implemented this for the safety of our whole school community and as cases of Covid-19 begin to rise nationally it is even more important that we follow all routines and guidelines. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Haddock who continues to work incredibly hard on maintaining and developing our school site.

Reading Books Return Request

We sent books home with most of the children when we went into lockdown in March. Unfortunately many of these have not been returned since. Please can we ask that you check carefully at home to see whether you have any of our school books- most will have an Isaac Newton sticker on the inside front cover. If you do have any of our books then please could you return these to us as soon as possible.

Bikes and Scooters

No one is permitted to ride their bike or scooter ANYWHERE on the school site for safety reasons. Please can you ensure that all children and adults are walking bikes and scooters across the school site and only ride these again when it is safe to do so- away from the school gates. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Remote Learning

Hopefully you have all had the opportunity to read the letter sent out about remote learning. If you have not then a copy of our remote learning plan can be found on our school website:

https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/remote_learning_plan/512416.

From Monday 19th October, we will be beginning to upload work onto Microsoft Teams each day for children to complete at home if they are isolating due to Covid-19. All children now have a login and password and these are stuck into their reading journals. We have also sent out a letter today detailing children's login details for Teams and any other online subscriptions that we have purchased for them to use.

We are also in the process of creating a useful 'Parent Guide' to support you with helping your child to access Teams at home. This will be sent out to all parents and will also be available on the school website. We hope that this will be completed within the next week.

Please remember that if the class 'bubble' has not been sent home then the teacher will still be teaching full time within school. It will therefore be very difficult for them to respond to queries regarding remote learning until after school. Should you require any immediate support then it will be best to contact the school office where Mr Heathcote, Mrs Pask and Mr Hearn can support you. You can contact us by telephone or by emailing us at: enquires@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk.

A daily timetable will be uploaded to Teams to guide your child with their work. Please remember that the 'live' sessions WILL

ONLY take place when the WHOLE CLASS BUBBLE has been sent home to isolate. These are not able to take place when the teacher is still teaching in the classroom.

If you do not have access to a suitable device (laptop or tablet), enough devices for your children or an internet connection then you will need to inform the school of this when your child is told to isolate. We will then try to support you with this. **It will be an expectation that children fully access ALL remote learning whilst isolating at home.**



E-Schools

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to download the E-Schools app on their smartphone or device as soon as possible. Thank you to all those parents who have already done so- we will be looking to get the app up running over the next few weeks.

If you have any problems with the app or setting up your account then please email enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk. Mr Hearn will then be able to support you with this. If you have siblings in school then you will need to use the 'add account' section of the app for each child. Once set up you can then switch between children in the app.

Further information about how to get set up can also be found on our school website:

https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/eschools_app_-_parents_help/499102