

# Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



## Newsletter

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15<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I could not be more proud of our school community. Whilst the current situation is challenging in so many ways, your children will always be our priority and central to all that we do at Appleton Wiske. Since the last minute announcement that schools would close to most children, our staff have worked hard to provide remote learning to all pupils whilst supervising children of critical workers. We have also kept the school office open as normal, provided school lunches and offered wraparound care when needed. The whole staff team effort has been absolutely fantastic, with every member of staff playing their part in keeping the school going. The Governing Body expressed their thanks at last night's meeting, and we have received countless messages of support from parents/carers and the wider community; it really does mean a lot to us – thank you.

It feels unnatural to ask you to keep your children at home; the last thing we want is to close our school doors, and yet the guidance is clear that, if possible, children should stay at home. If we can keep numbers low at school, we can continue to provide good quality remote education to all our pupils and maintain a level of safety for all our staff and children. Thank you for your support.



Our remote education has been up and running for two weeks now and we have received lots of thanks which is much appreciated. Your child's teacher is producing differentiated packs of work every two weeks, delivering daily 'live' lessons and providing regular feedback. We are delighted with levels of engagement and the quality of work being produced by the pupils. Over 95% of pupils have accessed Microsoft Teams, many of whom have logged in every day. This is superb and we would like it to continue. We recognise the challenges of home schooling and appreciate that people are in different situations based on numbers of children, age of children, work commitments and other factors such as technology and equipment. It is not easy and we are very impressed with your efforts to provide home schooling for your children. If you are struggling for any reason, please get in touch. We can loan laptops, increase data on mobile networks and support you with any other issues. We will be sending out a questionnaire soon to gather your views on the school's approach to remote education.

Please join us every Friday at 2:30pm on Microsoft Teams for our whole school assembly. The link is on each class' Microsoft Teams page.

Look after yourselves and your loved ones.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark  
Head Teacher

### **FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL AGM – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 6:00PM ON ZOOM**

You are all 'friends of the school'. The Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday 20th January at 6:00pm. Here are the details:

Time: Jan 20, 2021 6:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85435369933?pwd=U2E5UTYzOWJFQTRxOERtZDh0QW10QT09>

Meeting ID: 854 3536 9933

Passcode: 0tVKSk

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you for supporting the school.

**Happy, Healthy and Productive**