

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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9th February, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to complete our questionnaire – your views are very important to us. I will be collating the information in order to provide you with a summary of the responses. If you require a new questionnaire, please let me know; remember, everybody has a voice at our school.

Thank you for helping to make our school even safer on a morning by dropping your child off at the gate. The new arrangement does make a difference so that we know exactly who is in school at all times. Any important messages can be passed on to me or via the office staff.

We have reviewed our 'Acceptable Use' policy for parents and children. The policy is essential in outlining our expectations with regards to digital technology. You will receive a copy to sign and return to school. Again, thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

ATTENDANCE – 8.1.18-2.2.18 (the school closure does not affect your child's attendance)

<u>Class 1</u> 97.2%	<u>Class 2</u> 95.4%	<u>Class 3</u> 97.6%	<u>Class 4</u> 93.8%	Well done to Class 3 with the highest attendance!
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Whole school attendance: 95.7%

This is below the national average for primary schools which is a cause for concern. However, we have had several pupils off with illnesses in January so I am confident that our attendance will improve over time.

Whole school attendance this academic year: 96.8%

This is just above the national average but we are at risk of falling below.

As you will appreciate, we take attendance very seriously. I have to remind all parents that I am unable to authorise holidays during term time and that NYCC are imposing fines on unauthorised holidays. Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain excellent rates of attendance.

MATHEMATICS INFORMATION EVENING

The mathematics Information Evening has been rescheduled for **Thursday 8th March from 5:00pm until 6:00pm**. I will send out a flyer nearer the time but please save the date.

FRIENDS AGM

The Friends Annual General Meeting is also on **Thursday 8th March at 6:00pm** in School after the maths Evening. Please come along and support us! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the school – it is truly wonderful that we have such dedicated and supportive members who do so much for our children. Thank you also to everybody who supports our events; the money raised pays for fruit, equipment, playground games, events and lots more!

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS – SAVE THE DATE!

The **Barn Dance** is back - but without the straw!

Friday 23rd March, 6:00pm, Appleton Wiske Village Hall

Live music

Licensed bar

Chilli (meat & vegetarian)/ hot dog supper

Tickets - adults £5, children £2.50

Raffle prizes gratefully received

All in aid of Friends of the School

I have heard great things about the Barn Dance of 2016 and can't wait to see you all there!

Class 4 – '500 Word Challenge'

Our year 5/6 children enjoyed their writing workshop with Ainderby Steeple Primary School on Monday 29th January. The children found out how challenging it is to limit a piece of writing to 500 words (after initially thinking it was far too many words!). They have now edited and completed their writing – well done everybody.

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KEY STEPS GYM FINAL – HAMBLETON LEISURE CENTRE

On Tuesday 30th January, Georgia Robinson represented the school in the finals of the Gymnastics competition at Hambleton Leisure Centre. Georgia competed in the advanced category and finished in second place – what an achievement! Well done, Georgia.

E-SAFETY WORKSHOPS – CLASS 3 AND CLASS 4

On Tuesday 30th January, the children in Key Stage 2 learned more about e-safety and how to stay safe online when they were visited by two Police Community Support Officers. E-safety is an essential aspect of our curriculum and I am pleased to say that our children have a very good understanding of its importance. However, we must not become complacent and will continue to deliver these important messages throughout the year. Our E-Safety Officers, Louise and Hettie, will also raise the profile of this important issue by leading assemblies and organising competitions.

'EMERGENCY' VISITORS IN CLASS 1

A big thank you to Dr Lane (Jemima and Oscar's Mum) for visiting us last week and demonstrating how to apply a splint to a broken arm! We have some fabulous photographs of our EYFS children in bandages! The children enjoyed chatting about Dr Lane's job and are very grateful for the visit.

Then, later on in the week, Harry Allen (Mrs Allen's son) visited Class 1 and talked about his job as a firefighter. The children enjoyed hearing about his job and loved dressing up in a firefighter's uniform (more great photographs). Thank you to Harry and we wish him luck as he continues his training.

DODGEBALL – Year 3/4

On Wednesday 7th February a group of Year 3/4 pupils took part in a Dodgeball competition at Ainderby Steeple Primary School. They had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed launching dodgeballs at other people! They were proud to return to school with silver medals – well done to Millie, Thor, Josh S, Daniel, Angel, Melony, Katie, William S and Fred. Mrs Atkinson was very impressed with the children's behaviour and attitudes throughout the event. Thank you to Mr Blackwood for providing transport.

ROAD SAFETY ASSEMBLIES – ALL CLASSES

On Thursday 8th February, we had two separate assemblies for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 which focused on road safety. Well done to our Junior Road Safety Officers, Darcey and Sam C, for helping out – they will be organising a competition soon. Issues such as seatbelts, safety on bikes and pedestrian safety were discussed with the children, who were very sensible and made useful contributions. The children would like to remind you to wear your seatbelts at all times in the car!

RSE INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to the parents who attended the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) evening on Tuesday 30th January. I hope you found the information useful.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 27th February and Wednesday 28th February. Please save the dates.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 1st March, we will be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters. You have **3 weeks** to think of an outfit for your child. If you would like any advice, just let us know and we will be happy to help with some ideas.

LOST/FOUND PROPERTY

Following the Christmas Performance, two small umbrellas have been discovered in the hall. One is brown and the other black. Please contact the office to reclaim them.

I hope you all enjoy half term with your children and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

20th February – Change4Life Sports Clubs, Years 3/4 Hambleton Leisure Centre
 21st-23rd February – Robinwood Residential, Years 5/6
 26th February – Class 3 trip – The Yorkshire Museum, York
 27th February – Parent Consultations
 28th February – Parent Consultations
 1st March – World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character
 2nd March – Hi 5 Netball – Northallerton College, Years 5/6
 2nd March – Yorkshire Air Ambulance – assembly and workshops for all children
 5th & 12th March – Bikeability Cycle Training –Year 6
 6th March – Quicksticks – Northallerton School – Years 3/4
 8th March – Maths Evening for Parents – 5.00pm
 8th March – Friends AGM – 6:00pm
 19th March – Sport Relief Week
 23rd March – Barn Dance at the Village Hall – 6:00-8:00pm
 29th March – Easter Assembly with Father Simon (children and staff only)
 29th March – School closes for Easter (Club finishes at 4:15pm)

ABSENCE NOTES

Please could you ensure that you send in an absence note if your child has been off school. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the registers. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU – from 19th February 2018

Main Choice OR SANDWICHES except on Monday

Monday – Margherita Pizza OR Jacket Potato
 Tuesday – Bacon and Tomato Pasta OR Tuna Sandwich
 Wednesday – Beef Cobbler OR Ham Sandwich
 Thursday – Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles OR Egg Sandwich
 Friday – Battered Fish OR Cheese Sandwich

LUNCH MENU – from 26th February 2018

Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling

Monday – Organic Beef Burger
 Tuesday – Bangers and Mash with Onion Gravy
 Wednesday – Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion
 Thursday – Mexican Beef Chilli and Rice
 Friday – Fish Fingers

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Please let us know your club arrangements for this term. Booking forms are available from the office.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROTA



A big thank you to our helpers – it is very much appreciated by the children. If you would like to come in and help, please just let us know.

Please ensure that you count out two days of fruit or come in on two consecutive days.

Our helpers are:

Monday 19 th February	Mr Nightingale
Wednesday 21 st February	Mrs Blackwood
Friday 23 rd February	Mrs Green
Monday 26 th February	Mrs Harris
Wednesday 28 th February	Dr Lane
Friday 2 nd March	Ms Craven

COMMUNITY LINKS

FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – To take place on Thursday 8th March at 6.00pm

BARN DANCE - To be held at Appleton Wiske Village Hall 6.00pm-8.00pm

HALF TERM FUN DAYS – Football and Multi-Sport

Fun activities suitable for boys and girls aged 4-12 years to be held at Applegarth Primary School, Northallerton.

DATES: Monday 12th February – Thursday 15th February 2018

TIME: 9.00am - 3.00pm **COST:** £10 per day or £30 for full 4 days.

Booking Forms have been sent home with your children.



USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND - Please keep sending in your used stamps.

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