



20<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term at Appleton Wiske, particularly getting to know the children and families. We finish for the half term break on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and return on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. I hope you all have a good week and we can look forward to many exciting activities and events next half term.

### SAINSBURY'S SCHOOL GAMES AWARD

Well done to Mrs Atkinson our Sports Co-ordinator. We have just been awarded the Silver Games Award for our commitment to the development of competition across the school and after school club. We are awaiting the logo to add to our letterhead. Next challenge – Gold Award!

**Diary Date - YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER – Letter previously sent home. Please can you return the reply slip on the first day back after half term.**

### CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION reported by Lucy Robinson

*"We travelled in two minibuses as we had so many of us wanting to take part in the competition. It was a cold day but luckily it only started to rain as we were leaving. We all ran as fast as we could and six of us have gone through to the final next term. We enjoyed the marshals running with us as it was Ben, Ellie, Amber and Harry who used to be at our school! Thank you to Mr Clark, Mrs Gudger, Mrs Gyll and Mr Blackwood for taking us. We are looking forward to running in the final."* Thank you, Lucy, for your report. I would like to add that I was incredibly proud of every single pupil who took part in the cross country event. To just get round the course is a huge achievement – well done! Thank you also to Mr Blackwood for organising the collection of the two minibuses which enabled so many children to take part.

**Diary Date - CROSS COUNTRY FINAL THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – Letter previously sent home.**

### SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you for those who took part in supplying a Christmas Shoe Box for Romanian children. If you have forgotten to bring your box to school, you can drop it in at the New Life Baptist Church this weekend.

### BOOK FAIR

Thank you for your book purchases. We raised £180 to spend on books for our school – a fantastic achievement!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we return and the weather is changing, can I remind you that if your child is wearing wellies or low heeled boots for playtimes that they should also bring their school shoes in which to change into whilst in class. Several of you may be buying new shoes during the half term break – low heeled ankle boots are acceptable for the playground but, as stated, shoes must be worn in school. If you would like to discuss this further, I would be happy to chat with you at the school gate. Thank you.

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Is your child in Year 2 or above and would they like to learn a musical instrument? If so, the Education Trust has supplied school with numerous instruments which you can borrow without any charge. These include guitars, saxophones, violins and more! We can also arrange keyboard and drum lessons too. If you would like more information please contact the school office. If you have an older child who has now left school

and they continued to borrow their instrument and no longer have lessons, please could you return it to school to make it available for our children. Thank you.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Our individual photographs will be taken by Tempest on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm. If you would like pre-school children to join your group photograph, please let us know beforehand and you can join us at 1pm. Please note that the teachers will ensure that the children look clean and tidy after their lunch before their photographs are taken. These make lovely Christmas presents for friends and family.

### CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

We will be having a 'non-uniform' day raising funds for Children in Need. The children can come to school wearing 'spots' for a suggested donation of £1. We will also be holding a cake sale in school and are looking for donations of cakes to be sent in on the Friday morning. If you would like your child to buy a cake, please send them with 20p.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



All children are welcome to attend our Before and After School Clubs. Please ask for a booking form from the office.

**MONDAYS – COOKING/GARDENING**

**TUESDAYS –CRAFT**

**WEDNESDAYS –COMPUTING**

**THURSDAYS – SPORT**

**FRIDAYS – 'FRIDAY FUN'**

3.15-4.15pm - £4; 3.15-5pm - £7; 3.15pm-6pm - £10.

**BREAKFAST CLUB – from 8am-8.35am - £3 and includes breakfast. BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

As this Club only takes place when we have a booking, please ensure that you book a day ahead and if you do have to cancel it must be cancelled a day in advance otherwise staff will be at school waiting and we will have to make a charge.

### FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROTA

Thank you for your offer of help. If you would also like to come in and help, please let us know. All help is greatly appreciated. Please can you ensure that you count out two days of fruit or come in two consecutive days. Our helpers for the following weeks are:-

Mon 31 Oct	Mrs Blackwood
Wed 2 Nov	Mrs Connolly
Fri 4 Nov	Mrs Green
Mon 7 Nov	Ms Craven
Wed 9 Nov	Dr Lane
Fri 11 Nov	Mr Nightingale

**ABSENCE NOTES – please can you jot a note in your child's planner if they have been off school. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the Registers. Thank you.**



**USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND PEOPLE - Please keep sending in your used stamps.** They have just reported that they raised £25,000 last year!

### **'FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL' NEWS**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in The Shorthorn, Appleton Wiske.** I look forward to seeing more helpers and members attend. Thank you!

### **GREAT 'APPLETON WISKE' BAKE OFF FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Have you purchased your Recipe Card? You can purchase one from Mrs Guyll. Please get practising with your recipe cards ready for the Bake-Off on Friday 4th November!

**All proceeds are for School funds – thank you for your participation.**

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The children are currently designing cards which will be sent home soon, along with details on how to order - this year this will all be done online so should be much easier. Wrapping paper, tags etc. will also be available.

### **Village News**

**Pre-School Bonfire & Fireworks Display (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm with Fireworks at 6.30pm at Appleton Wiske Recreation Field.**

Free entry – donations welcomed. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments and hot food available. The field will be open from 10am for suitable waste for burning to build the bonfire. Contact Catriona Lane on 07974313011 if you require a collection. If you can spare an hour between 10am–5pm to supervise bonfire building, please sign up on the sheet in the Village Hall Pre-School's board. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Clark - Head Teacher