



1st December, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of December already! We have a very busy three weeks ahead of us with lots to look forward to.

CHILDREN IN NEED and APPLETON WISKE BAKE-OFF UPDATE



On Friday 17th November, we held our Appleton Wiske Bake-off and all proceeds were donated to Children In Need. In total, we raised £209.38 from cake sales, recipes and non-uniform day. Thank you for your donations. Thanks also to the 'Friends of School' for organising the event. Well done to all the children for taking part in the bake-off and a big well done to Jasmine Hastie, Katie/Jessica Hutchinson and Bobby Ross for their winning scones, fairy cakes and cookies!



CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – ALL SAINTS CHURCH

On Monday 27th November, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Allen took a group of children to decorate a Christmas tree at All Saints Church in Northallerton. Our tree is being sponsored by the Devonshire Arms Hotel and Spa at Bolton Abbey in conjunction with the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. **The festival will take place from Friday the 1st December until Sunday the 3rd December. Please take the opportunity to visit the church and vote for our tree!**



The Devonshire Arms have donated a fabulous prize – afternoon tea for a child and 2 adults. Originally, the idea was to award the prize to the child with the best tree decoration but it proved too difficult to choose a winner as they were all so good! Instead, the prize will be added to our Christmas raffle. Many thanks to Mr Dyke, General Manager of the Devonshire Arms, for this generous contribution. Some of the proceeds from our raffle will be donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Our Christmas Production – 'Children of the World' – will be on Wednesday 13th December at 1:30pm and 6:00pm. Please save the date. More details will be provided soon.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the Christmas Production. Any contributions towards the hamper would be very much appreciated.

MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM EVENING and 'FRIENDS' AGM

We will be hosting a maths curriculum evening on Thursday 18th January from 5:00pm until 6:00pm. This will be an opportunity to learn about our new approach to the subject – 'Convince Me Maths' – and discuss the maths curriculum with your child's teacher. I will provide more information soon; please save the date.

Following the curriculum evening, we will be holding our 'Friends of the School' Annual General Meeting from 6:00pm until 6:30pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible – thank you for your support.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



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

22ND DECEMBER 2017 – CLUB WILL FINISH AT 4.15PM

DIARY DATES:

- 1st December – All Saints Church – Choir 11.00am
- 4th December – Years 5/6 Sportshall Athletics, Northallerton School
- 13th December – Children's Christmas Lunch
- 13th December – School Christmas Production, 1.30pm and 6.00pm
- 15th December – Swimming Session, Class 4 Hambleton Leisure Centre
- 22nd December – Carol Service, St Mary's Church, 10:00am, followed by refreshments in the Chapel
- 22nd December – School Closes
- 8th January – Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 9th January – School opens**
- 12th January – Swimming Gala Years 5/6, Hambleton Leisure Centre

APPLETON WISKE PRE-SCHOOL

Spaces are available each day if anyone knows children aged 2 years and over. We have 30 hours funded places available between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU – from 4th December

- Main Choice OR SANDWICHES
- Monday – Tikka Masala and Brown Rice OR Tuna Sandwiches
- Tuesday – Homemade Sausage Roll OR Cheese Sandwiches
- Wednesday – Diced Beef In Gravy OR Ham Sandwiches
- Thursday – Chicken Fingers OR Egg Sandwiches
- Friday – Battered Fish OR Cheese Sandwiches

LUNCH MENU – from 11th December

- Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling
- Monday – Organic Pork Meatballs
- Tuesday – Cottage Pie
- Wednesday – Roast Chicken
- Thursday – Pizza
- Friday – Breaded Salmon Fillet

UNIFORM FOR BAD WEATHER

As the weather declines, please remember to send your child to school with suitable clothing, such as a thick winter coat, gloves and hat. Shorts, skirts/pinafores are not suitable.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Our Christmas Post Box will be open for business next week. Your child can drop their Christmas cards into the Post Box in the entrance for our Year 5/6 children to sort and deliver.

MILITARY WIVES CHOIRS LEEMING

Appleton Wiske Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association and The Friends of Saint Mary's Church will be hosting a Christmas Concert on Wednesday 13th December 2017 in Appleton Wiske Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. Light refreshments provided.

Tickets £10 available from either:

Margaret Lamb – 01609 881468 or The Village Shop/Post Office

SING, DANCE, ART – SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2017

This is your invitation to Stagecoach Northallerton's Annual "HAVE A GO DAY". If you are interested in joining the exceptional theatre school, then come along to try it out. No experience necessary. Plenty of fun!

PLEASE CALL TO BOOK YOUR PLACE – 01943 875 187

APPLETON PLAYERS PANTOMIME – 'THE CURSE OF THE PHAROAH'

To be held on the following dates:

Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm - £4.50

Friday 12th January 2018 at 7.30pm - £5.00

Saturday 13th January 2018 at 2.00pm - £4.50

Saturday 13th January 2018 at 7.00pm - £6.00

Get your tickets from Appleton Wiske Post Office from the 1st December 2017 or contact Jackie McReddie on 01609 881358

ABSENCE NOTES –please can 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.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROTA



A big thank you to all of our helpers – it does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated by the children.

If you would also like to come in and help, please just let us know - all help is appreciated. Please could you ensure that you count out two days of fruit or come in two consecutive days. Our helpers are:

Monday 4th December	Mrs Mulholland
Wednesday 6th December	Mrs Blackwood
Friday 8th December	Mrs Green
Monday 11th December	Mrs Harris
Wednesday 13th December	Dr Lane
Friday 15th December	Ms Craven



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

Finally, I would like to remind you all that on Friday 1st December at 6:30pm, the Appleton Wiske Christmas tree lights will be switched on (outside the Post Office). There will be carol singing, a brass band, mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher