



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

'CHILDREN OF THE WORLD'

I must start with a huge well done to our wonderful children for their outstanding Christmas Production – 'Children of the World'. It was a fabulous way to get Christmas started. The children learned 17 songs which is an incredible achievement. The singing, dancing, acting and narrating were superb from everybody and it was a real team effort. A special mention goes to our Reception and Year 1 children – their Nativity was a joy to watch.

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

I would like to thank our 'Friends' for organising the Christmas raffle – we raised a staggering £325. We are going to donate some of the proceeds to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who sponsored our Christmas Tree at the recent festival.

Thanks also go to Mr and Mrs Hodgson, for creating some stunning hampers, and Mr and Mrs Hutchinson, for making a substantial contribution to the hampers.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

More great news to celebrate! We finished in first place out of all the schools who took part in the Christmas Tree Festival. Well done to all our children for their fabulous decorations and well done to the group of children who decorated the tree with Mrs Gudger and Mrs Allen.



Our choir performed at the Christmas Tree Festival and they were absolutely amazing! I have had really positive feedback from several people who were lucky enough to enjoy listening to our choir. Well done to our talented children and Mrs Gudger for her expert coaching.

YEAR 5/6 SPORTING SUPERSTARS!

On Monday 4th December every one of our Year 5/6 pupils took part in the Sports Hall Athletics tournament at Northallerton Leisure Centre. They performed incredibly well in a range of activities and events, finishing in second place. They now have a shiny silver medal to add to the collection! Well done Class 4. Thank you to the staff who attended the event and Mr Blackwood for providing transport.

The following day, the Year 5/6 children undertook sports training which will benefit the whole school. They learned how to deliver 'Wake Up, Shake Up' exercises which will enhance our morning routine and increase the children's stamina even more. They also became Young Leaders, which means that every child in Class 4 can lead activities during playtimes and lunchtimes for

the children in school. A massive well done to our Year 5/6 Sporting Superstars!

GOLD AWARD FOR THE 'A' TEAM

I am incredibly proud to announce that all of the children at Appleton Wiske Community Primary School (the 'A' Team) have been credited with the School Games Gold Award for outstanding achievements in sport during the academic year 2016-17. We have now set ourselves very high expectations and hope to maintain this phenomenal achievement in the future. Well done to all of our children, past and present, for their magnificent team work, dedication and commitment to sporting events over the past year. Our Gold Award plaque is on display in the school entrance.

SPORT RELIEF AWARD

We have also received a Sport Relief Award (courtesy of Tom Daley!) which is on display in the entrance. I am running out of superlatives! Thank you for your support as you have donated a generous amount of money over the years to achieve this award.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you ever so much to Elaine Douglas and Clare Moore for providing us with a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. It was a lovely occasion and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The sprouts were phenomenal!

AN INCREDIBLY GENEROUS GIFT

Last week I was lost for words as we were provided with a portable iPod docking station with built-in microphone, free of charge by **Mr Easby** (father of Lily in Class 1). It is worth a substantial amount of money and will be perfect for our 'Wake Up, Shake Up' exercises as well as other school events such as the summer fair. Thank you very much to Mr Easby – we are all grateful and can't thank you enough.

FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENT

I would like to say a massive 'WELL DONE' to Josh Sharpe for raising money for motor neurone disease. The charity has significant meaning to Josh's family and, already, he has raised £50 through cake sales and other activities. His next fundraiser is a coffee morning in January (date TBC). Well done, Josh – your family and friends are very proud of you.

THE CLUB

If you have any unwanted board games, a dolls' house or other resources that may benefit the children at our After School Club, we would happily find a good home for them. Please see Mrs Gudger, Mrs Loverock or Miss Moore if you can help us out. Thank you.

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 NEXT term. Booking forms available from the club or office.

22ND DECEMBER 2017 – CLUB WILL FINISH AT 4.15PM

DIARY DATES:

- 21st December – Class parties (party clothes)
- 22nd December – Carol Service, St. Mary's
- 22nd December – School closes (no assembly)
- 8th January – Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 9th January – School opens**
- 12th January - Swimming Gala Years 5/6 team
- 18th January – Change 4 Life Festival, Years 3/4
- 22nd January – Key Steps Gym

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 18th December

- Main Choice OR SANDWICHES
- Monday – Roasted Vegetable Tomato Pasta OR Cheese Sandwiches
- Tuesday – Minced Beef & Dumplings OR Tuna Sandwiches
- Wednesday – Chicken Korma & Savoury Rice OR Ham Sandwiches
- Thursday – Beef Tex Mex Bake OR Egg Sandwiches
- Friday – Fish Fingers OR Cheese Sandwiches

FIRST WEEK'S LUNCH MENU – from 9th January

- Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling
- Tuesday – Bangers & Mash with Onion Gravy
- Wednesday – Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing
- Thursday – Mexican Beef Chilli & Rice
- Friday – Fish Fingers

LUNCH MENU – from 15th January

- Main Choice OR SANDWICHES
- Monday – Quorn & Vegetable Fajita OR Cheese Sandwiches
- Tuesday – Chicken Korma & Rice OR Tuna Sandwiches
- Wednesday – Roast Pork, Apple Sauce & Gravy OR Ham Sandwiches
- Thursday – Pasta Bolognese OR Egg Sandwiches
- Friday – Breaded Salmon Nuggets OR Cheese Sandwiches

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:

Wednesday 10 th January	Mrs Blackwood
Friday 12 th January	Mrs Green
Monday 15 th January	Mrs Harris
Wednesday 17 th January	Dr Lane
Friday 19 th January	Ms Craven



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

VILLAGE NEWS

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



A MESSAGE FROM APPLETON WISKE RECREATION ASSOCIATION – STOLEN AND DAMAGED PLAY EQUIPMENT

In order to try and raise some funds to replace the stolen and damaged play equipment that was donated to the Appleton Recreation Association by Persimmon Homes we have set up a Crowdfunding Site that people can make donations to. We hope that through this we can look to replace some of the items that have been



stolen or damaged, although unlikely we can replace all. The site address is:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ara

Alternatively you can send a cheque made out to **Appleton Recreation Association to 4 Hunters Ride, Appleton Wiske.**

Any donations gratefully received and will help us to show that these thieves will not win.

Finally, a reminder that we have one week remaining until we can all enjoy some family time and celebrate Christmas. I do hope you can join us at St. Mary's Church in Appleton Wiske on Friday 22nd December at 10:00 for our Carol Concert.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

