



22nd March, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

OUTSIDE ENVIRONMENT – a BIG THANK YOU to the:

'A' Team!



On Saturday 18th March a wonderful group of volunteers gave up their time to help out at school. It was a fantastic event and I was delighted that so many people, including children, were able to support us. What a difference many hands can make! I'm sure you have noticed the extremely tidy grounds and newly painted gates and fence. Thank you to all the parents and children for their hard work. This really is a great improvement and we had fun in the process. There are still a few jobs remaining so I hope we can arrange another session in the summer term! Thanks again everybody.

BIKEABILITY

Well done to our Year 6 children. They all passed their two day cycling proficiency tests. This included a theory test as well as an on-road test. Great news!

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Well done to both Lucy and Hannah who represented our school at the semi-finals of the Spelling Bee competition. They both performed really well and although we didn't go through to the final I am very proud as to how far they did get. Thank you also to Mrs Connolly for taking the girls.

YR 5 & 6 SCHOOLS' DEBATE

This was a tremendous event and one that I was incredibly proud to attend. Hannah Connolly and Charlotte Pattison represented our school at the Year 5/6 Debate, which was held at County Hall in the Council Chamber. They had to present their arguments for and against the notion that 'Homework is a waste of time!' It was particularly nerve-racking as they had to present their arguments in front of other schools and a panel of well-respected judges. The girls were truly outstanding and deserve a huge well done. The final verdict: Homework is a waste of time (according to a room filled with over-excited children).

JUDO SESSION

Wow! Our entire hall was transformed with safety matting for our whole school judo session. The children were taught the appropriate etiquette as they dressed in their judo robes before completing some judo moves which they thoroughly enjoyed. Leaflets were sent home offering judo sessions.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that on Monday, the children will be having their class and group photos taken. Please can they remember to wear their school sweatshirts with logo and bring their PE kits and musical instruments into school. We have one keyboard in school which we will use for that photo.

RED NOSE DAY – COMIC RELIEF – FRIDAY 24TH MARCH
"Make your laugh matter" – Don't forget to come in your mismatched clothes and donate £2. Thank you to all those parents and children who have offered to bake for the cake sale. Remember to also bring 20ps for the cakes. Any left over cakes will be sold after school.

STAFFING

We would like to welcome Mrs Karen Curran as our new Administrative Assistant who will be working on a Thursday and Friday after Easter and on a few days before the end of term.

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH – VISIT FROM PARA-OLYMPIAN – ANNA POLLOCK.

We are delighted to have a visit from Anna who will talk in assembly before carrying out the activity of seated volleyball with the children.



USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND PEOPLE – please keep sending in your used stamps. We are definitely helping with their collection!

ATTENDANCE

From 6th March – 17th March

Class 1 –96.57%

Class 2 –95.86%

Class 3 –95.87%

Whole School –96.01%

Well done to Class 1 with the most attendances.

DIARY DATES:

24th March – Red Nose Day –non uniform

27th March – **Class & Group photographs**

27th March – Yrs 5/6 Hockey

30th March – Anna Pollock

30th March – Yr 3 French workshop

31st March – Easter Bunny Drive 6pm in school – come along and support us! Bring an adult. £1 per person entry.

7th April – Easter Egg decorating competition – details to follow

7th April – **END OF TERM**

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

27th April – Friends Meeting, 6:15pm at the Lord Nelson

3rd May – May Fair – details to follow

8th May – **SATs week**

16th May – Yrs 3 & 4 - Tennis Tournament - 10.30am -2.30pm

16th May – Yrs4-6 – Tchoukball Tournament – 4-5.30pm

19th May – Yrs 3 & 4 - (**Finals if win**) Tennis – 10.30am -2.30pm

24th May – Yrs 5 & 6 – Tennis Tournament – 9.30am-1.30pm

26th May – Yrs 5 & 6 – (**Finals if win**) Tennis – 10.30am -2.30pm

26th May – School Closes

7th June – Yrs 5 & 6 – Kwik Cricket – all day

13th June – Yr Groups tbc – Quadkids – 1-3pm

21st June – KS1 (Yrs 2,3) Mini Olympics – 10am-12

5th July – KS2 (Yrs 4,5,6) Rounders – all day

CHILDRENS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Let us know if your child has achieved anything outside of school as we would like to celebrate their awards too.

SAINBURY'S SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Please can you keep collecting the vouchers for our school again this year. The collection box is in the entrance hall. It would be a great help if they were counted into tens and stapled in the top left corner. Thank you.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROTA

Thank you to our helpers. I have put down some names of Class 1 parents who had previously offered to come in and help and have now sent the rotas home.

If you would also like to come in and help, please just 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 2 weeks are:-

Mon 27 March	Ms Craven
Wed 29 March	Mrs Cassidy
Fri 31 March	Mr Nightingale
Mon 3 April	Mrs Blackwood
Wed 5 April	Mrs Connolly
Fri 7 April	Mrs Blackwood
END OF TERM	

Reminders:-

WATER BOTTLES - Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. You can purchase one from us for £2. These bottles have a cap over the mouth piece which prevents the spread of germs or you can send in one from home.

PLANNERS

Could your child bring their Planner to school every day in which we can place information notes and stickers. You can also send in messages to the staff and write any absence notes, as required.

ABSENCES

We have some outstanding absence notes. Please can you put an absence note in your child's planner if they have been, or are going to be absent. This is a legal requirement for the school to keep with the Registers. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The next events are the Easter Bunny Drive on Friday 31st March at 6pm in school and then an Easter Egg decorating competition on Friday 7th April. The next meeting is on Thursday 27th April at 6:15pm in the Lord Nelson.

VILLAGE NEWS

Village Art Competition in aid of the Friends of St Mary's Church, Appleton Wiske – leaflet sent home with more information or contact Sarah Hurhangee at sarah.hurhangee@gmail.com or on the Post Office noticeboard.

YCA – Wednesday 5th April – 1pm –Hambleton Forum – talk from Rishi Sunak MP – “The Journey from My House of Home to the House of Commons” - tickets £12 - to include refreshments. More information from Margaret Lamb – 01609 881 468.

Bingo with 'Paula the Caller' – Saturday 25th March – 8pm at Lord Nelson.

Thank you once again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at our Easter Bunny Drive on Friday 31st March.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Clark - Head Teacher