



3rd November, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had an enjoyable half term break with your children. We have lots to look forward to this half term in the run up to Christmas and the children have already been working hard this week in a range of areas.

ATTENDANCE – 5.9.17-20.10.17 (Autumn 1st Half Term)

Class 1 – 99.6%

Class 2 – 97.6%

Class 3 – 95.9%

Class 4 – 96.3%

Whole School – 97%

Well done to Class 1 with the highest attendance!



YEAR 5/6 TAG RUGBY FINALS

Our tag rugby team were absolutely outstanding at the finals in Thirsk on Wednesday 18th October. They played with fantastic team spirit and sportsmanship and took on several larger schools who had also qualified from the Hambleton area. In a close fought competition we finished in third place which, considering the size of our school, is a tremendous achievement. Well done to Charlotte, Lucy, Sophie C, Darcey, Alex, Oliver P, Matt, Evan, Magnus and Josh E. Well done once again to our team! Thank you to Mrs Gudger and Mrs Guyll for taking the team and all the parents who provided encouragement and support.

YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW

Our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their Crucial Crew trip on Thursday 19th October at RAF Leeming. They improved their awareness in a range of areas, such as: safety on building sites; what to do if caught in a fire; who we talk to if we are worried; road safety and railway safety; taking responsibility for our own actions; the dangers of electricity. Our children rose to the challenge of discussing mature topics and displayed great enthusiasm and a willingness to take part in the activities. Their behaviour was outstanding. Thank you to Mr Blackwood for helping on the trip.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

What a fantastic time we all had at the Halloween Disco on the last Thursday of half term. The children looked the part and had a great time dancing, socialising and eating! Thank you to our wonderful 'Friends of the School' for organising the disco. These special events could not go ahead without the commitment displayed from our volunteers. We also had several members of staff helping out which the children especially appreciated. We raised around £200 so thank you for all of your support.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 2nd November, we took 38 wonderful children to Northallerton School for the Key Stage 2 Cross Country competition. They all tried their best and gave 100%. All the members of staff who attended were amazed at their stamina and resilience, probably thanks to our Appleton Mile! Every child completed their race and the support they gave each other was fantastic. Our finalists are: Sadie, Bethany, Joshua H, Fred, Georgia, Eva, Oliver Pa, Sophie Ch, Charlotte, Magnus and Sam Ch. A huge well done to all our children for showing sportsmanship and team spirit. Thank you to our parent helpers for providing transport and supporting the children. Reported by Miss Cousans.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

There will be a repeat of the Basic Life Support and Defibrillator Awareness Session for everyone who would like to know how to use the Defibrillator equipment that is installed at the Post Office. The session will be held in school on Monday 13th November at 7:00pm and should last about 1½ hours. If you would like to join this awareness session and find out how to use the Defibrillator (or refresh your memory), please let Ken Blackwood know. It may be necessary to limit the number of attendees so places will be allocated in the order that they are received. The session is free for those attending.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be supporting 'Children In Need' on Friday 17th November. Your child should dress in spots and bring a donation of £1 for the charity. Thank you.



APPLETON WISKE BAKE-OFF

Back by popular demand is our bake-off which is sure to rival the television version for the quality of our baked products! Your child will be able to buy a recipe in the next few days and enter the competition (proceeds going to 'Children In Need'). A flyer will be sent out soon with more details. The Bake-Off final will be on Friday 17th November at 2:30pm (this will replace the Celebration Assembly). We hope to see you all there.



CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We have been chosen to decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival 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!

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.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please do not waste your money in expensive card shops or even the more affordable ones! Your children have been busy this week designing their own Christmas cards which will be produced on demand at a very reasonable price! Kate Green is organising the order and will provide details very soon.

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.

SHOEBOXES FOR THE ROMANIA APPEAL

Thank you to all the families who made a shoebox for the Romania Appeal – your kindness will make a big difference.

SPORTS SHED

You may have noticed or heard from your child that we have a new shed in the back playground which will be used to store our PE and sports equipment. I would like to thank Barry Hutchinson, Christopher Hugill and Tom Hugill for digging out the soil several weeks ago – this saved us a significant amount of money –and also Donald Alderson for providing the digger and tractor/trailer. During the half term break, Dove Builders made a concrete base and brick wall in order for the shed (from Sam Turner's) to be installed safely. A thank you also goes to Mr Blackwood for helping to organise the building work and ordering the shed. Our new shed will make our equipment much more accessible in the future.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR JOB

We are currently advertising for a midday supervisor to join our hardworking team. The post involves working from 12:00pm until 1:00pm (every day if possible). Please call into school for more details, visit the school website (click on 'Vacancies') or look on the North Yorkshire Jobs website.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

We are not permitted to administer medicines unless they have been prescribed by a doctor. I would appreciate it if children could avoid bringing cough sweets to school, please. Thank you for your support.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



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

DIARY DATES:

- 8th November – Y5/6 Football, Northallerton School, 1-3pm
- 13th November – Defibrillator training, school hall, 6pm (contact Ken Blackwood)
- 17th November – Children in Need's Big Spotacular Appeal
- 17th November – 'Bake Off' Assembly – 2.30pm
- 7th December – Years 5/6 Sportshall Athletics, Northallerton School
- 13th December – Children's Christmas Lunch
- 13th December – School Christmas Production, 1.30pm and 6.00pm
- 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**

APPLETON WISKE PRE-SCHOOL BONFIRE NIGHT

To be held on Saturday 4th November at the Recreation Field, Front Street; 5.30pm Light Bonfire, 6.15 pm Fireworks
FREE ENTRY AND DONATIONS WELCOME!



BINGO NIGHT
 To be held on Saturday 25th November, 7.30pm at Appleton Wiske Village Hall. £5 includes Raffle Ticket and Pie and Peas Supper. 'Pay as you Play'. Refreshments available. Proceeds in aid of Appleton Wiske Pre School.

NORTHALLERTON MUSIC CENTRE – OPEN MORNING

To be held on Saturday 4th November 2017 at Northallerton School, School Site, Brompton Road between 9.30am and 12.30pm. You are invited to:

- Come and listen to ensembles
- Bring your instrument and join in
- Receive a Tuck Shop Voucher

www.northallertonmusiccentre.co.uk
info@northallertonmusiccentre.co.uk

Tel: 01609 536715

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU – from 6th November

Main Choice OR SANDWICHES

Monday – Roasted Vegetable Tomato Pasta OR Cheese Sandwiches

Tuesday – Minced Beef and Dumplings OR Egg Sandwiches

Wednesday – Chicken Korma and Savoury Rice OR Tuna Sandwiches

Thursday – Beef Tex Mex Bake OR Cheese Sandwiches

Friday – Fish Fingers OR Ham Sandwiches

LUNCH MENU – from 13th November

Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling

Monday – Tikka Masala and Brown Rice

Tuesday – Homemade Sausage Roll

Wednesday – Diced Beef in Gravy

Thursday – Chicken Fingers (Sage and Onion)

Friday – Battered Fish

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 6 th November	Mrs Harris
Wednesday 8 th November	Dr Lane
Friday 10 th November	Ms Craven
Monday 13 th November	Mr Nightingale
Wednesday 15 th November	Mrs Smith
Friday 17 th November	Dr Wilson



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

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark
 Head Teacher