



NEWSLETTER

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15th September, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Autumn Term. The children have settled into their new classes and have already enjoyed a range of activities and opportunities. A special well done to our new Reception children who are coping incredibly well with their new routines – they are a delight to have in our school.

Last week, the children took part in a paired reading activity where Class 1 read with Class 3, and Class 2 read with Class 4. It was fabulous seeing the children support each other and promote a love of reading across the school. Take a look at our Reading display in the school hall.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Roald Dahl day with lots of classroom-based activities. We were also very fortunate to have Mr Wilkinson visit us and read to each class – the children loved having some of Roald Dahl's stories brought to life. A big thank you to Mr Wilkinson.

On Thursday morning, Mrs Lamb visited us and listened to some readers in Class 1. She was very impressed and can't wait to come back. Mrs Lamb will be visiting us every week to listen to readers in Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 on a rolling programme.

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

I would like to remind you of our staffing arrangements:

Class Teachers

Mrs Hainsworth, Mr Clark and Mrs Allen – Class 1
Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Gyll – Class 2
Miss Cousans, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Loverock – Class 3
Miss Rowling and Mrs Stainthorpe – Class 4

Office

Senior Administrator – Mrs Metcalfe (Monday-Wednesday)
Administrative Assistant – Mrs Curran (Thursday-Friday)

BEGINNING AND END OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

The school gates to the playground will be opened by a member of staff at 8.35am. Please do not open the gates beforehand as no member of staff will be on duty in the playground. If your child arrives before 8.35am they will be placed in Breakfast Club for their safety and a charge will be made. At the end of the school day, staff will hand over the children to you. If you are running late, please give us a ring and we can pop your child into Club for you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



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

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Musicworks - keyboard lessons are available at the school. For further details please contact the office.

'Groups of 8' Music Lessons

This scheme, run by the Local Authority, enables groups of up to 8 children to learn an instrument each week for half an hour. It is a great first step for children who would like to start playing an instrument and who want to discover the fun that playing together as a group can give. The children are taught as a mixed group, and it is an excellent way of

starting their musical journey. See the attached letter for more information.

CLASS 1 - FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Every Tuesday afternoon, commencing on 19th September 2017, Class 1 children will enjoy a trip to a local woodland in Appleton Wiske with Mrs Hainsworth, Mrs Allen and Mr Blackwood. There will also be planned visits to the woodland for children in Year 1.

DIARY DATES:-

22nd September – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church – 1.30pm followed by refreshments at school

26th September – KS1 Fun Run – East Cowton Primary School

28th September – Class 1 visit to Pizza Express

3rd October – Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 7.30pm

4th October – Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 4.30pm

(more details to follow)

6th October – Individual Photographs

9th October – Class 4 Visit – Railway Museum, York

20th October - End of Term

30th October – School opens

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH MENU – from 18th September

Main Choice OR SANDWICHES

Monday – Roasted Vegetable Tomato Pasta OR Cheese Sandwiches

Tuesday – Minced Beef & Dumplings OR Ham Sandwiches

Wednesday – Chicken Korma & Savoury Rice OR Tuna Sandwiches

Thursday – Beef Tex Mex Bake OR Ham Sandwiches

Friday – Fish Fingers OR Egg Sandwiches

LUNCH MENU – from 25th September

Main Choice OR JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling

Monday – Tikka Masala & Brown Rice

Tuesday – Homemade Sausage Roll

Wednesday – Diced Beef In Gravy

Thursday – Chicken Fingers (Sage & Onion)

Friday – Battered Fish

HEALTHY CHOICES

I would like to inform you about 'Healthy Choices', a **free** and confidential 12-week programme for 5-19 year olds designed to support children and young people to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. The programme helps you make positive lifestyle changes and teaches you new things about nutrition, physical activity, fitness and behaviour change. The programme offers personalised support and is designed to be a fun, positive and energising experience. The team will help you set simple realistic goals suited to your family to work towards a healthier lifestyle. See the link below for more information.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthy-choices>

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 for the start of the New Term are:

Monday 18th Sept	Mrs Cassidy
Wednesday 20th Sept	Mrs Smith
Friday 22nd Sept	Dr Wilson
Monday 25th Sept	Mrs Harris
Wednesday 27th Sept	Miss Mayhew
Friday 29 th Sept	Mrs Ellison



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FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Appleton Wiske School Needs You!

As a parent or carer you are already a 'Friend' of the school. Over the years, our 'Friends' have done an incredible amount of work to provide our children with extra resources through their fantastic fundraising and events. We hope that you will consider joining our team, either to attend meetings and organise events, or even if you could help out at events – we would be very grateful of your support.

Next meeting: Wednesday 20th September 2017 – 6.15 pm at the Lord Nelson Public House, Appleton Wiske. All welcome.

CLASS 4 CLOAKROOMS

The children in Class 4 would like to thank Mr Blackwood for improving our cloakrooms. The children now have more storage available and it has made a big difference. Try to keep them tidy, Class 4!

THE GREEN TEAM

If you have any spare gardening equipment that needs a new home, our Green Team would make good use of it. Equipment such as sweeping brushes, dustpans/brushes, trowels, forks etc. would be much appreciated. "Thank you," from the Green Team.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the people (staff and volunteers) who helped us prepare our school for the new school year. As you are aware, the closure of Ingleby Arncliffe School has had a significant and positive impact on our school community. On the Tuesday after we closed for summer, a removal van arrived with lots of resources and furniture from Ingleby Arncliffe – thank you to the local volunteers who helped to unload the van. We then had to convert the library into a classroom for the Year 1/2 children and find a home for all of our new equipment (easier said than done). There are too many people to thank but it was a real team effort and I am very grateful to everybody who helped us out. I hope you agree that our school is looking tidy, organised and welcoming.

I hope you can all join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday at 2:45pm where we will be awarding certificates, celebrating our 'writers of the week' and presenting the Team Point Trophy.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher