

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING TRACK AND TRACE

The Department for Education has issued the following guidance:

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Please report any positive cases via email to admin@appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk with the subject: Positive Covid Test.

The 6-day period for our school ends on 24th December, so I will be checking emails until this date. Thank you.

18th December, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it to the end of the Autumn Term! I would like to tell you once again that your children never cease to impress me with their amazing attitudes. You can be proud of all their achievements, particularly under such challenging circumstances since returning to school in September. Despite the restrictions, the children have embraced their time in school, made the most of their opportunities and have never looked back! They can now enjoy a well-earned rest and we look forward to seeing them on Tuesday 5th January. Thank you for all of your support, kind words and generosity over the last few weeks – we are all very grateful and it genuinely means a lot to us. I also want to thank all of my fantastic staff, who have gone 'above and beyond' to make school as 'normal' as possible for your children.

ATTENDANCE

Quite rightly, Covid-related absences are not included in any schools' attendance data. I am pleased to say our overall attendance has been incredible this term at 98%.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER



A big thank you to Elaine, our fabulous cook, for a tremendous lunch with all the trimmings!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On 11th December, we held a Christmas Jumper Day and raised £119.10 for Save the Children. Thank you for supporting this important charity.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The children have enjoyed a range of activities this week and the atmosphere in school has been tremendous! Many thanks to Ken Blackwood for organising a film for each class.

FESTIVE PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

Please see the gallery page on our website for all our festive photographs and videos, including Christmas songs and the Class 1 Nativity: <http://appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk/gallery>

Well done to all our pupils for their wonderful performances.

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

I am delighted to share the news that three of our pupils have passed their recent music exams with flying colours! Josh R and Violet have both achieved Distinctions in Grade 1 guitar, and Sophie C has achieved a Distinction in Grade 1 clarinet. A massive well done to our talented musicians!

CANCER RESEARCH

We have received a letter of thanks from Cancer Research for our donation of £156. A big well done to the School Council for organising the non-uniform day, and thank you for your generous donations.

Happy, Healthy and Productive

FOREST SCHOOL

I had the pleasure of attending Forest School last week with the Reception and Year 1 children. It was a joy to see them 'at one with nature' and learning in the outdoor environment. We are rightly proud of our Forest School provision and now is a good opportunity to thank the Elsdon family who allow us to use their fantastic woodland every week. Many thanks to Mr Blackwood for all his help and also to Mrs Hainsworth's husband who has been lending his expert support.

SPORTS RESULTS

We have taken part in several virtual sporting events, which have been reported in previous newsletters. The results are in and we have finished in the top three in the following:

Year 5/6 Archery – 1st

Year 1/2 Speed Bounce – 2nd

Year 3/4 Speed Bounce – 3rd

Year 5/6 Speed Bounce – 3rd

Year 3/4 Archery – 3rd

Year 5/6 Orienteering – 3rd

Year 5/6 Long Distance Run – 3rd

Well done to all the children for their achievements and for representing our school with pride.



PARENTPAY – MEAL SELECTOR

Please remember to continue ordering your child's meal online. If your child is off ill please could you delete your pre-ordered meal choice on ParentPay, as this helps the teacher, admin staff and cook. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL AGM – WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY AT 6:00PM

You are all 'friends of the school'. The Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday 20th January at 6:00pm. Our chairperson, Katy Wilson, can send the virtual event details to anybody who would like to join us – please just get in touch and we can pass on your details. Ordinarily we would meet face to face and we look forward to a time in the not so distant future when this will be the case. Thank you for all of your support.

Please remember, if you shop on Amazon, please login through Amazon Smile (it is very easy to do) and select Friends of Appleton Wiske School. Thank you.

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Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to your favourite charity when you shop.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones over the Christmas break and we will see you soon.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

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Mr N Clark
Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

4th January – Staff Training Day
 5th January – Children return to school
 5th January – Forest School – Reception/Year 1 (pm each week)

ABSENCE NOTES

Please could 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.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements for next term. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office. **CLUB ACTIVITIES – W/C 4TH JANUARY 2021 & W/C 11TH JANUARY 2021**



MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY
TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021	NEW TERM CRAFT PLANNING
WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2021	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2021	ROUNDERS OR INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY 2021	FILM FRIDAY – WITH POPCORN AND PIZZA
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021	COOKERY TESTER (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2021	CLUB'S TREE – A NEW THEME
WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021	PURPLE MASH/GAMES
THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2021	FOOTBALL OR INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2021	FILM FRIDAY – WITH POPCORN AND HOT DOGS

LUNCH MENU – from 4TH JANUARY 2021

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO with a choice of filling

Monday – School Closed
 Tuesday – Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake
 Wednesday – Pork & Apple Plait
 Thursday – Beef Lasagne
 Friday – Battered Fish

LUNCH MENU – from 11TH JANUARY 2021

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICHES

Monday – Minced Beef Hotpot **OR** Cheese Sandwiches
 Tuesday – Macaroni Cheese **OR** Egg Sandwiches
 Wednesday – Roast Chicken **OR** Tuna Sandwiches
 Thursday – Pork Meatballs **OR** Ham Sandwiches
 Friday – Fish Nibbles **OR** Chicken Sandwiches

COMMUNITY LINKS

USED STAMPS COLLECTION FOR BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST - Please keep sending in your used stamps.

