

23rd July, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it to the end of another challenging, unpredictable and interesting school year! It is difficult to put into words all the ups and downs we have experienced – so much has happened and it feels like a monumental team effort to get to the summer holidays with the majority of pupils in school. I would like to start by saying a massive thank you to my phenomenal staff who have provided consistent and much-needed support to our children and families throughout the year. I could not be more proud of how they have responded to every challenge and obstacle in order to maintain a level of structure and 'normality' for our pupils. Thank you also to our parents, carers and family members for all of their support this year – it really does mean a lot to us – and well done to all of you who helped your children with their learning, especially during the Spring lockdown! Finally, I must say a huge well done to our fabulous pupils – once again their outstanding attitudes and resilience have ensured that they have made the most of their opportunities and enjoyed many achievements this year. Let's see what September brings...

STAFFING UPDATE

We are saying farewell and good luck to Mrs Loverock as she moves on to new adventures. Mrs Loverock has been a real asset to our school, working as a Club Assistant, Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor over the years. She has provided fantastic support to our children and staff, and she will be missed by everybody. In September, we will be welcoming Miss Anna Wright to the team. Miss Wright will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Class 3 and she is very much looking forward to getting started.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

Our Year 6 pupils have been outstanding for our school. They are ambassadors and role models for all of our pupils and will enjoy great success in the future. We would like to wish them the best of luck, and we know that they will continue to make us proud.

SPORTS DAY - FRIDAY 9TH JULY

We enjoyed a slightly different Sports Day this year but we were delighted to be able to run the event at all. Each bubble took part in their own mini Sports Day and we combined all the scores to work out the winning team. Well done to the Yellow Team who won the Sports Day trophy!

YEAR 5/6 PRODUCTION - 'WOW! WHAT A YEAR!'

Thank you for your understanding and support with our last minute decision regarding the Year 5/6 Production. I guess the live performance was just not meant to be. Well done to all the children – they have really enjoyed the process of rehearsing and performing – and we hope you enjoy the recording which has now been shared. It is worth mentioning that the children only had one chance to practise in the last couple of weeks before recording the play; it is an outstanding achievement that they managed to perform it to such a good standard! Many thanks to Miss Rowling for working so hard with the children on the production and to Mrs Gudger for all her support too.

WATER SAFETY PRESENTATIONS - MONDAY 19TH JULY

All of our pupils benefitted from water safety presentations by the Fire Service earlier this week – even the Class 2 children who were still isolating at home! As we continue to enjoy this amazing weather, your children have learned a valuable lesson about staying safe.

YEAR 5/6 SPELLING SESSIONS - TUESDAY 20TH JULY

Many thanks to Mr Rowling for giving up his time to teach our Year 5/6 pupils some excellent spelling strategies which will certainly help them with their learning in the future. Mr Rowling is a secondary English teacher so his expertise was very much appreciated.

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL

I had the pleasure of attending forest school this week and it was great to see such happy, inquisitive and adventurous children applying their learning in an outdoor setting. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Blackwood for all of their support this year; without their generosity, these sessions could not have taken place.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE

All Free School Meal children are entitled to free tuition with the Music Service. For further details please either email them on MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk or visit their website www.northyorkshiremusichub.co.uk.

SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember that the children return to school on **Wednesday 8**th **September**. We are all hoping to have some confirmation from the Government and Local Authority regarding school openings and potential lifting of restrictions. Until then, we will avoid speculation and wait until we know more. I will write to you with this information as soon as possible before the new term begins.

On behalf of all the staff, we hope you enjoy the summer break with your families and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully

N Clark

Mr N Clark

Head Teacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements for next term. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office. CLUB ACTIVITES – W/C 6TH SEPTEMBER & W/C 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021













MONDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF TRAINING DAY	
TUESDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF TRAINING DAY	
WEDNESDAY 8 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	COMPUTER GAMES	
THURSDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	SPORT - BENCH BALL	
FRIDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	FILM FRIDAY	
MONDAY 13 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	COOKERY - PIZZA	
TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021	CLUB THEME IDEAS	
WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021	COMPUTER GAMES	
THURSDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	SPORT - ROUNDERS	
FRIDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	FILM FRIDAY	
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LUNCH MENU - from 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday - School Closed - Staff Training Day

Tuesday - School Closed - Staff Training Day

Wednesday – Roast Chicken **OR** JP with Baked Beans

Thursday - Mexican Tortilla Boat **OR** JP with Cheese **OR**

Baked Beans

Friday – Fish Cake **OR** JP with Tuna

LUNCH MENU - from 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday – Chicken Wrap **OR** Cheese Sandwich

Tuesday – Pasta Bolognaise **OR** Tuna & Cucumber Sandwich

Wednesday – Sausage & Mash **OR** Ham Sandwich

Thursday – Cheese & Tomato Pizza **OR** Egg Mayo Sandwich

Friday – Fish Fingers **OR** Chicken Sandwich

COMMUNITY LINKS

APPLETON PLAYERS A.G.M. 2021

Due to a change of lockdown procedures the AGM will now take place at Appleton Wiske Village Hall on Wednesday 4th August, 2021. Meet from 7pm for drinks and nibbles then meeting to start at 7.30pm. Please refer to the attached flyer for further contact details

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