

5th March, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It feels like we have climbed a mountain but not yet reached the summit! With schools reopening to all pupils on Monday, it is important that we remain vigilant, follow the national guidance and implement the school's safety measures at all times. With this in mind, please remember your child's drop-off and pick-up arrangements and maintain social distancing. The use of face coverings is also strongly recommended. Thank you.

We can't wait to see the children. There will be mixed emotions and a period of adjustment, but having been through this before I know that they will settle back into the usual routines and enjoy taking part in all aspects of school life. It goes without saying that academic progress is a priority, but we have always placed a high value on social and emotional development. Rest assured, your child will receive all the support they need from our fabulous staff. It is also important to point out that every child is expected to attend school every day unless they are poorly or have to isolate. Thank you.

Please remember that your child should wear a full school uniform and they should come to school in their PE kits on PE days which are Tuesday and Friday for every class. Reception and Year 1 children should come to school in forest clothes on a Tuesday (forest school will be resuming as soon as possible).

Your child has been working hard over the last 8 weeks and the class teachers have been providing support and feedback throughout lockdown. It is therefore not necessary for the children to bring their work into school. However, please return any school stationery, reading books and work booklets. Thank you.

PUPIL SURVEY

The responses to the recent pupil survey were fantastic. The children all agreed that they have received a good quality remote education and they are overwhelmingly proud of being pupils at Appleton Wiske School. I am so proud of them for all their achievements; their resilience and positive attitudes are astonishing.



PARENTPAY - MEAL SELECTOR

Due to the various menu amendments in all schools, County Caterers are unable to switch on the Meal Selector for you to continue to book your child's meal until after Easter when all schools will be working off the same menu. This means that your child will be asked their choice by their teachers each morning. Could you please ensure that you have topped up Parentpay if your child requires a meal (£2.80 per day). Over the Easter holidays, Meal Selector will be turned back on and you will see this when you log into Parentpay. You will need to book for your child to receive a dinner after Easter. We will send you a reminder in the next newsletter! In order for you to plan ahead, meal choices for the next two weeks are set out in this Newsletter and are just for information purposes only. Please note, the week commencing 8th March is Minced Beef and not Roast Beef and also the week commencing 22nd March is Macaroni Cheese and not Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese as stated on the Spring Menu. http://appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-meals

PANCAKE COMPETITION

Well done to all the children who took part in the pancake competition and thank you to the School Council for organising such a fun event during lockdown. The entries were mouth-wateringly incredible! You can see them here: http://appletonwiske.n-yorks.sch.uk/gallery

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 11TH MARCH

The School Council want to celebrate World Book Day with all the children in school so we have moved our celebrations to Thursday 11th March. The children can come to school in PJs, onesies or dressed as their favourite book characters. They can also bring their favourite book to school.

COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

"Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. So whatever you can do, please join us." We are celebrating Red Nose Day by wearing something red. Children should also wear non-uniform with sensible footwear. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause (recommended donation £2).

EASTER EGG COMPETITION - FRIDAY 26TH MARCH

We are going to hold our annual Easter Egg competition in the final week of term. Your child can decorate a boiled egg and bring it into school on **Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd March**. Entries will be quarantined until **Friday 26th March** when we will announce the winners in assembly. The cost is £1 per entry and there will be prizes available!

WHITEBOARD DONATION

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Sanerivi for donating a top quality whiteboard to school. We will certainly put it to good use.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We have decided to host parent consultations after Easter when we will be able to discuss how your child has settled back into school since lockdown. I will confirm the dates as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to me or your child's teacher, please contact the school office.

Finally, I would like to thank you all again for the magnificent support you have provided during these challenging times.

Have a great weekend and we will see you all soon.

Yours faithfully

NClark

Mr N Clark Head Teacher



11th March – World Book Day 19th March – Red Nose Day 26th March – Easter Egg Competition

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 ACTIVITES – W/C 8TH MARCH & W/C 15TH MARCH 2021













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LUNCH MENU - from 8TH MARCH 2021

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday – Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** JP with Tuna Mayo Tuesday – Sausage & Mash **OR** JP with Chicken Korma Wednesday – Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** JP with Cheese

Thursday – Chicken & Broccoli Pasta **OR** JP with Baked Beans

Friday – Fish Fingers **OR** JP with Veggie Chilli

LUNCH MENU - from 15TH MARCH 2021

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday – Cheese & Tomato Pizza **OR** JP with Baked Beans Tuesday – Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake **OR** JP with Cheese Wednesday – Pork & Apple Plait **OR** JP with Tuna Mayo Thursday – Beef Lasagne **OR** JP with Baked Beans Friday – Battered Fish **OR** JP with Minced Beef

COMMUNITY LINKS



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