



14th January, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

The Spring Term is in full swing and it is great to see our pupils engaging so well in lessons and developing their skills across the curriculum. We have been managing staff absences with as little disruption as possible and we appreciate your support as always. We are all looking forward to lighter mornings and evenings with hopefully less restrictions on the horizon.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Class 1** for winning the fortnightly Attendance Award! Our whole school attendance is currently 95.8% which is above the national average. Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. I am unable to authorise family holidays and would like to share the following information with you:

95% attendance	9.5 days that your child has been absent	Almost 2 weeks missed
90% attendance	19 days that your child has been absent	Almost 4 weeks missed
85% attendance	28.5 days that your child has been absent	Almost 6 weeks missed

90% attendance throughout your child's school life is equal to a whole year of school being missed.

Being frequently late to school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to around 3 days absence a year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to around 2 weeks absence a year
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day adds up to around 4 weeks absence a year

I do not expect children to attend school when they are too poorly. I would be happy to discuss any issues you may have regarding attendance and look forward to hearing from you.

SOPHIE KIRTLEY – CHILDREN'S AUTHOR – CORRESPONDENCE WITH CLASS 3

Miss Rowling's pupils have written superb individual letters to Sophie Kirtley, author of their class novel *The Wild Way Home*, and Sophie has written a fabulous reply. Here is an extract from the letter:

"Dear Wild Readers of Appleton Wiske Primary School,

Thank you so much for reading *The Wild Way Home* and for your WONDERFUL letters. I received them during the Christmas holidays and they were like the best present of all – you really did put a BIG smile on my face!

I wish I could write a reply to each and every one of you as you all had such interesting and clever things to say about the characters you liked best and your favourite parts of the book. It was very clear to me what kind and empathic people you all are as you really did put yourself in the shoes (or bare feet!) of the characters. And that's what reading is all about, I think, going on an adventure you couldn't otherwise experience and trying out someone else's life for a while."

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – TUESDAY 15TH and WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH

Please save the dates. We will send out more information soon. Thank you.



GO BEANZ FOR HEINZ DAY!

On Thursday 20th January, 2022 we have an exciting promotion day menu celebrating Heinz Beanz;

MAINS: Sausage and Beanz Casserole with Delicious Dumplings

SIDES: Potato Wedges, Broccoli and Sweetcorn

DESSERT: Jam Sponge and Custard

There will also be an option of Jacket Potato with Tuna and Fruit **OR** Yoghurt as a dessert.

POSTPONEMENT OF SPORTING EVENTS

Our competitive sporting events have been postponed until February half term at the earliest.

BEWERLEY PARK- YEARS 5/6

Just a quick reminder to let you know that the 2nd instalment of £60 is due by 4th February, 2022. Thank You.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Yours faithfully



Mr N Clark
Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

- 14th January – Judo with Glynn Fidgeon – Whole School
- 3rd March – World Book Day
- 4th March – Class 2 Music for Life
- 9th March – Tempest Photography – Class/Sport Groups
- 15th March – Hi 5 Netball – Years 5/6 – Northallerton School (TBC)
- 18th March – Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
- 22nd March – Tball – Years 3/4 – Northallerton School (TBC)
- 25th March – Power Down Pete – Whole School
- 29th March – Quicksticks Hockey – Years 3/4 – Northallerton School (TBC)
- 1st April – Class 2 Music for Life
- 5th April – Quicksticks Hockey – Years 5/6 – Northallerton School (TBC)

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 this term. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office.

CLUB ACTIVITIES - W/C 17TH JANUARY & W/C 24TH JANUARY 2022



MONDAY 17 TH JANUARY 2022	COOKERY – OMELETTE POPOVERS
TUESDAY 18 TH JANUARY 2022	CRAFTS – WILDLIFE
WEDNESDAY 19 TH JANUARY 2022	COMPUTER POWERPOINT AND GAMES
THURSDAY 20 TH JANUARY 2022	SPORT – DODGEBALL
FRIDAY 21 ST JANUARY 2022	FILM FRIDAY
MONDAY 24 TH JANUARY 2022	COOKERY – ZAPIEKANA (POLISH PIZZA)
TUESDAY 25 TH JANUARY 2022	CRAFTS – STICK ANIMALS
WEDNESDAY 26 TH JANUARY 2022	COMPUTER POWERPOINT AND GAMES
THURSDAY 27 TH JANUARY 2022	SPORT – FOOTBALL
FRIDAY 28 TH JANUARY 2022	FILM FRIDAY

LUNCH MENU – from 17TH JANUARY 2022

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

- Monday – Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** JP with Cheese
- Tuesday – Creamy Mac & Cheese **OR** JP with Baked Beans
- Wednesday – Roast Chicken Dinner **OR** JP with Cheese
- Thursday – **GO BEANZ FOR HEINZ DAY!**
- Friday – Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish **OR** JP with Baked Beans **OR** Cheese

LUNCH MENU – from 24TH JANUARY 2022

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO - JP

- Monday – Cheese & Tomato Pizza **OR** JP with Baked Beans
- Tuesday – Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake **OR** JP with Cheese
- Wednesday – Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** JP with Tuna
- Thursday – Sausage & Mash **OR** JP with Cheese
- Friday – Fish Fingers **OR** JP with Chicken Mayo

COMMUNITY LINKS

FRIENDS MEETING

To be held on Monday 28th February, 2022 at 6pm in the Lord Nelson Public House.

USED STAMP COLLECTION FOR BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST AND CYSTIC FIBROSIS - Please keep sending in your used stamps.

