

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it to the end of the first full year of teaching and learning in school since the pandemic! The past term has flown by and the children have been extremely busy enjoying a number of summer events. For the very first part of the last newsletter of the year, I am extremely pleased to be sharing the following messages from Mr Clark.

I hope this finds you healthy and well.

I am writing to you as an incredibly proud school leader to express my gratitude and appreciation to each and every one of my phenomenal members of staff. The resilience with which everybody has rallied and supported one another has been so reassuring to me at such a difficult time. Their support has been overwhelming and I can't thank them enough for all that they have done for the school community and our magnificent pupils. I have kept in touch with school throughout the summer term and have enjoyed hearing about all the activities and events that the children have taken part in. They have certainly been in safe hands and made the most of their opportunities. On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I am pleased to say that my recovery is going well and I expect to return in September.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank three members of staff who are leaving us this week. Mrs Metcalfe has been a truly wonderful member of staff for over twenty years, serving the school community impeccably. Her contribution to our school has been immense; she has given so much to the pupils, staff, governors, parents and wider community. Mrs Stainthorpe has worked at our school for fifteen years, providing tremendous support to the pupils and staff, at all times putting the children's learning first. Mrs Curran has been with us for over five years and provided fantastic support in the school office and this has made a big difference to the pupils, staff and wider community. Thank you Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Stainthorpe and Mrs Curran – we will miss you. Finally, I would like to wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck for the future. You are simply outstanding and we are all very proud of you.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer break.

Best wishes

Mr Clark

Following Mr Clark's message, I would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all the children for being themselves, being positive in their approach to learning and for their behaviour and fantastic attitudes to school life. We are all proud of how they look out for and support each other throughout the school year and build resilience to change. They have all embraced transition visits to their new classes with a happy and productive approach and have welcomed the new starters on the pre-school visit days as well as children who have arrived in class 1 this term. The Year 6 children have experienced time in their new Secondary schools and have enjoyed exploring their new settings and meeting their new teachers.

A massive thank you also to all the staff team who have worked together to keep our children fully engaged and challenged during the last term. There have been a number of events and activities that have taken place alongside everyday teaching and learning. All staff have supported the children to achieve their full potential and enjoy their time in school. Thank you also to our parents, carers and family members. We really appreciate the kind messages, helpful comments and all of your support this year. Your children are a real credit to you and with your continued support, they have made the most of all opportunities we have shared throughout the year.

We would like to thank the Governors and The Friends of the School for their time, enthusiasm and continued support throughout the whole year which is greatly appreciated. There have been many meetings and events for the children in which their support has been invaluable. If there are any potential new members who would like to join the Governors or Friends of the school, we are always ready for any extra support and time you may be able to share. Please let us know if you are interested and available, even for one off events!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.6% which is just above the national average. Our fortnightly attendance award is very popular with the children – **well done to Class 3 for winning the award.**

STAFFING UPDATE

We are saying farewell and good luck to Mrs Metcalfe as she moves on to new adventures. Mrs Metcalfe has been a real asset to our school for the past 20 years, working as Senior Administrator in the office. She has seen many children, grandchildren, parents and staff come and go throughout her time at Appleton Wiske and provided amazing expertise and support in the office and wider life of the school. She will be missed by everybody.

We are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Stainthorpe who has been at Appleton Wiske for the past 15 years, working as Teaching Assistant in all three classes and Midday Supervisor over the years. She has provided tremendous support to our children and staff, and we will all miss her too.

We are also saying farewell and good luck to Mrs Curran who has been at Appleton Wiske for the past 5 years as Administrative Assistant, working in the office. She has provided fantastic support in the office and to the wider school life. We will all miss her too.

Happy, Healthy and Productive

In September, we will be welcoming both Mrs Alison Morton and Mrs Clare Marsh to the team. Mrs Morton will be taking over Mrs Metcalfe's role as Senior Administrator and Mrs Marsh will be taking over Mrs Curran's role as Administrative Assistant in the office. They have both been in school on different days during the past few weeks working alongside Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Curran to ensure an efficient handover. They are very much looking forward to getting started.

We are also welcoming Mrs Condon to Class 1 who will be with us on a Student Teaching Assistant placement from the Swaledale Alliance, every Monday and Friday.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know that families could save up to £450 a year? Find out if you are eligible by visiting: www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL



A massive thank you to Mr Blackwood for his amazing generosity, sharing his time every Tuesday afternoon we have attended for the full year, whether it be hot and sunny, wet and rainy or freezing cold and snowy! We are so lucky to have his generosity and support which enables the children to learn and thrive in the woodland. They develop their personal, social and emotional skills and become independent learners, identifying and managing risks in the outdoors.



SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 8TH JULY

Well done to all the children for taking part in our Sports Day events and for being enthusiastic team members. The older children were brilliant role models supporting their younger peers and the encouragement given to children of all abilities was commendable. Every child achieved their full potential and the competition was healthy! This year, we say congratulations to the Blue Team who won the Sports Day trophy! Many thanks to Mr Blackwood and his army of village volunteers who provided and helped set up the gazebos which were perfect for keeping the children and adults safe in the shade during the afternoon. Their help was very much appreciated. A thank you from the Friends of the School to all those who donated a prize for the tombola.

CLASS 2 & 3 - HISTORY VISITOR – MONDAY 11TH JULY

"There's a Roman in our classroom!" was the shout I heard while at the gate when the children arrived at school on Monday 11th July. This was true, as Class 2 enjoyed a full morning sharing and discussing interesting Roman artefacts as well as talking about key events linked to their history topic.

On the afternoon, Class 3 found that there was an Ancient Greek in their classroom! They spent the afternoon learning about key events from the Ancient Greek period and did some observational drawings of Ancient Greek artefacts. The children were encouraged to think about what the artefacts were made of and their use. The children enjoyed their visits and learned lots of interesting historical facts!

SWIMMING CLASSES 2 & 3



The children in Classes 2 and 3 have been fortunate to attend swimming sessions throughout the summer term at Northallerton Leisure Centre. They have all progressed in stamina and endurance as well as focussing on key life skills during the sessions.



YEAR 6 GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW – TUESDAY 12TH JULY

This year, the Year 6 'Treat day' was a visit to the Great Yorkshire Show. Thank you kindly to Miss Rowling and Miss Wright for accompanying the children on the trip and enabling them to explore the whole show covering all children's interests and visiting a range of events during the day.

"We had a fantastic day at the Great Yorkshire Show. We got to see lots of different animals including Belgian Blue cows, huge pigs and we even got to pet some goats. We spent some time browsing the various stalls and the children bought souvenirs to take home with them. In the discovery zone, the children made their own potato salad and their own wands! We tasted lots of lovely food and treated ourselves to a crepe before we headed home!"

FILM MORNINGS



A massive thank you to Mr Blackwood for hosting two film mornings over at the village hall. Class 1 enjoyed watching 'Clifford the Big Red Dog' and laughed at lots of the scenes. Class 2/3 watched 'Early Man' together and enjoyed being with their friends from different year groups. It was just like being at the big screen cinema!

YEAR 5/6 PRODUCTION – 'Let Loose!' – WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

What an outstanding effort for both the afternoon and evening performances from Class 3 during their end of year production! Both performances were amazing and we are all so proud of the children. They embraced rehearsals with enthusiasm, expertly learned their lines and sang the songs amazingly. Many thanks and congratulations to Miss Rowling and Miss Wright for working so hard with the children on the production and to Mrs Gudger for her support with the props too. The feedback from adults has been fantastic and 'Let Loose!' was perfectly linked to the children's outdoor adventures and experiences following their Bewerley Park residential visit.

YEAR 5/6 SPELLING SESSIONS – THURSDAY 21ST 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.



CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations go to Ben and his football team 'Brompton Juniors' for winning the Under 10's Junior Champions League for the second year in a row beating teams from across the North East. Ben scored three goals in open play. Also to Sophia who received the award for most improved footballer for NTJFC under 11 girls and Dylan who received the most improved footballer under 7's- a fantastic achievement for all the children.

PICTON SHOW ENTRIES

Jemima - 1st Prize - Class 93 - Handmade Greetings Card
Ben - 1st Prize - Class 81 - Writing - Free choice of poem
Grace - 2nd Prize - Class 94 - A bookmark
Emma - 2nd Prize - Class 93 - Handmade Greetings Card
Ava - 2nd Prize - Class 79 - Writing - Free choice of poem
Haidden - 2nd Prize - Class 81 - Writing - Free choice of poem
Henry A - 3rd Prize - Class 79 - Free choice of poem
Robert - 3rd Prize - Class 81 - Writing - Free choice of poem.

A big well done to all the children who took part in the show.



GOOD LUCK YEAR 6



Saving a very important message until last.....

Our Year 6 pupils have an amazing attitude to life and are happy, positive members of our school community. They have all grown to be productive young people with confidence and skills to take them far in whatever they plan to do in the future. We are so proud to see how they have developed throughout the years they have been at Appleton Wiske and wish them good luck in their next adventures.

SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember that the children return to school on Wednesday 7th September.

We all hope you enjoy a fun, relaxing summer break and get to spend quality time with your families and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children to their new classes and seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Hainsworth
Acting Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

8th September - Skip/Box 2B Fit – Class 3 – Young Leader Training
 12th September - KS1 Fun Run – Northallerton Leisure Centre
 12th September - Friends of the School –Tea and Cakes
 26th September - Years 5/6 - Quicksticks Hockey – Northallerton Leisure Centre

Please note that school reopens on Wednesday 7th September for children and will be closed on 5th & 6th September for Staff Training.

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 5TH SEPTEMBER & W/C 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022](#)



MONDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY
TUESDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY
WEDNESDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 8 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	SPORT – ROUNDERS
FRIDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	FILM FRIDAY
MONDAY 12 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	COOKERY – SAUSAGE ROLLS
TUESDAY 13 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	CRAFTS – OUTDOOR FLOWER PLANTING/CRAFTS
WEDNESDAY 14 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 15 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	SPORT – FOOTBALL
FRIDAY 16 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	FILM FRIDAY

LUNCH MENU – from 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday – SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY
 Tuesday – SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY
 Wednesday – Roast Gammon **OR** JP with Chicken Mayo
 Thursday – Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** JP with Cheese
 Friday – Fish Fingers **OR** JP with Baked Beans

LUNCH MENU – from 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday – Cheese & Tomato Pasta **OR** Tuna Sandwich
 Tuesday – Tortilla Boats & Rice **OR** Egg Mayo Sandwich
 Wednesday – Roast Pork Dinner **OR** Chicken Sandwich
 Thursday – Meatballs & Pasta **OR** Ham Sandwich
 Friday – Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish **OR** Cheese Sandwich

COMMUNITY LINKS

USED STAMP COLLECTION FOR BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST AND CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Please keep sending in your used stamps.

