

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed another couple of busy weeks since my last newsletter with lots more to look forward to in the run-up to Christmas. Please remember to check our diary dates which are updated for each newsletter.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.15% which is below our target of 97%. Please remember that I am unable to authorise holidays. **From September 2023, penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised absences which reach the local authority limit.** Thank you for helping us to maintain high rates of attendance. **Well done to Class 2 for winning the fortnightly attendance award.**



YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW

On Thursday 23rd November, our Year 6 pupils attended Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge where they learned about a range of issues such as water, fire and online safety. The children's behaviour and attitudes were outstanding throughout. A big thank you to Ken Blackwood for driving the minibus and for helping out during the visit. Please see the message below from the Fire Service:

Recently your child attended Crucial Crew event at Carlton Lodge in Thirsk and they undertook a Home Fire Safety scenario with North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. We very much hope that they enjoyed this session, but most importantly they learnt something about fire safety and have brought that home to you. If you would like to know more about how to keep yourself safe from a fire you can do our [FREE Online Home Fire Safety Check by clicking here](#). If nothing else, please remember to check your smoke alarm is working by testing it once a month.

PHONICS INFORMATION SESSION FOR CLASS 1 PARENTS/CARERS



Thank you to Mrs Hainsworth for organising such an interesting and informative phonics information session for Class 1 parents/carers. We hope those who attended found it useful. If you would like to know more about our phonics programme – Phonics Shed – please contact Mrs Hainsworth via the school office.

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS – APPLETON WISKE PANTOMIME



A big shout out to Chloe, Eva Mae and Grace for taking part in the Appleton Wiske pantomime of Aladdin. They have worked incredibly hard over the last three months learning songs and dances during rehearsals, and they performed absolutely brilliantly! Well done, girls – you are superstars!



POPPY APPEAL 2023

The village collection raised a total of £672 for the work of the Royal British Legion (£172 of which was collected by school). Thank you!

BOOK DONATIONS



A big thank you to past pupils Bethany and Josh Ring who have donated lots of books to our school. Many thanks also to Mrs Morton's son, Edward, who has also donated lots of books. We are very grateful indeed.



CHRISTMAS TREE DONATION – SAM TURNER'S

Thank you very much to the Turner family for providing us with a fabulous Christmas tree. It was delivered earlier this week and we can't wait to decorate it! You may have noticed the lovely planters on our outdoor area fence which were also donated by Sam Turner's. A big thank you on behalf of the school community.

Happy, Healthy and Productive



Upcoming Events:

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

The School Council would like to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day and support 'Save the Children'. They can come to school in non-uniform and a Christmas jumper. A suggested donation of £2 would be appreciated.

CLASS 1 NATIVITY – WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Rehearsals are going well for 'The Sleepy Shepherd' and the children can't wait to perform in front of a live audience.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch with all the trimmings! Please book your child's lunch in the usual way and remember to make your payment on ParentPay. Many thanks.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE – MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Please join us on Monday 18th December at 2.30pm. Class 3 will be playing their guitars and ukuleles, and there will be solo performances on the piano from children in other year groups too.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 20th December at 2.30pm for our Christmas Carol service. Please note that there will not be a Celebration Assembly on Friday 22nd December.



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who purchased individualised Christmas Cards featuring the children's artwork. We raised £76 for school funds.

The Friends have organised a Christmas raffle with luxury hampers as prizes. Tickets will be available to purchase for £1 at the Class 1 Nativity performances (13th December) and Carol Service (20th December). Please bring some spare change. Thank you.

The next Friends meeting will be on Thursday 25th January at 5.00pm in school. Anybody who would like to attend but is struggling with childcare can use our After School Club service at no cost. Just turn up for the meeting at 5.00pm with your child!

Bingo Night – Thursday 8th February at 6.00pm – save the date!

MUSIC LESSONS



If your child would like to learn the guitar or ukulele, group lessons are available on Thursdays through North Yorkshire Music Service. Contact the school office for more information.



EAST FARM CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND POP-UP SHOP WEEKEND

Mrs Metcalfe is certainly keeping busy and can't wait to welcome visitors this weekend at East Farm where there will be Christmas crafts and a pop-up shop. Don't forget there are also Christmas wreath making workshops available to book. See the attached flyer or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/east.farm.pop.up.shop>

Keep warm and have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher

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DIARY DATES



7th December – Christmas Jumper Day – ‘Save the Children’
 7th December – Y5/6 Football Finals – Thirsk
 13th December – C1 Nativity – 9.30am – 10.30am, 2.00pm – 3.00pm
 14th December – Christmas Lunch
 15th December – Class 2 trip to Shildon Railway Museum
 18th December – Musical Performance – 2.30pm - 3.00pm
 20th December – Christmas Carol Concert
 22nd December – Special Visitor – “Ho Ho Ho!”
 22nd December – School Closes for Christmas Break
 8th January – School Training Day
 9th January – Children back to school

ABSENCE

Please ensure the school office is notified by 9.00am either by telephone or email if your child is absent from school due to illness.

Thank you.



COMMUNITY LINKS



Used stamp collection for bone cancer research trust and cystic fibrosis.

Please keep sending in your used stamps, Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please let us know your club arrangements. Booking forms and Parental Contracts are available from the office.

CLUB ACTIVITIES – W/C 4TH DECEMBER AND 11TH DECEMBER 2023



MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023	CHRISTMAS PASTRIES
TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2023	CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023	FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023	FILMS AND GAMES
MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2023	CHRISTMAS PASTA POTS
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023	CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023	COMPUTER GAMES
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023	FOOTBALL / INDOOR GAMES
FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023	FILMS AND GAMES

LUNCH MENU W/C 4TH DECEMBER 2023

Main Choice **OR** JACKET POTATO = JP

Monday – Pizza **OR** JP with Veg Bolognese
 Tuesday - Chicken & Tomato Pasta **OR** JP with Baked Beans
 Wednesday - Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding **OR** JP with Tuna
 Thursday - Chicken Korma & Rice **OR** JP with Cheese
 Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips **OR** JP with Baked Beans



LUNCH MENU W/C 11TH DECEMBER 2023

Main Choice **OR** SANDWICH

Monday - Pasta Bolognese Bake **OR** Cheese Sandwich
 Tuesday - Chicken Burger in a Bun **OR** Ham Sandwich
 Wednesday - Roast Loin of Pork **OR** Chicken Sandwich
 Thursday - Mexican Beef Pitta & Rice **OR** Tuna Sandwich
 Friday - Fish & Chips **OR** Egg Sandwich