

Appleton Wiske Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope my final newsletter of the year finds you healthy and well. I would like to start by thanking my staff for their hard work and commitment in providing the best possible education for your children. Thanks also to all of the parents, carers, family members and friends of the school who provide such amazing support – we really appreciate it. We hope you can join us for our final assembly later on today where we will be saying farewell to our fabulous Year 6 pupils. They are a credit to their families and we know that they will continue to represent our school with pride as they move on to new adventures.

SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM AWARD



I am delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Award for outstanding sporting provision. Only schools who have earned the Gold Award for four consecutive years are eligible to apply for the Platinum Award so this is a wonderful achievement. Thank you to our fabulous staff and well done to our amazing pupils.



END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS



A big well done to all of our pupils who have had end of year assessments. We are performing above national averages in all areas which is a reflection of the efforts and commitment of our staff and pupils. Thank you for your support in helping to make our school the best that it can be.



CLASS 3 PRODUCTION – EDITH'S WARTIME SCRAPBOOK

Wow! What an outstanding couple of performances from all of our Year 5/6 pupils. The quality of the acting, singing and dancing was sky high and I could not be more proud of everybody. A massive thank you to Miss Rowling for all her hard work producing such a fantastic school play and a big thank you to our families who have supported the children throughout. Both performances were well attended and the children really did excel themselves. Well done!



CLASS 2 TRIP TO SALTHOLME NATURE RESERVE

On Monday, our Class 3 pupils had a great day at Saltholme Nature Reserve where they enjoyed lots of fun activities such as pond dipping, meadow sweeping and bug hunting. I had the pleasure of attending this trip with Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Gyll and I have to say the children's attitudes and behaviour were outstanding.



CLASS 2 VISITOR – MARINE BIOLOGIST - CLAIRE ARGENT

On Thursday, a visitor called Claire Argent worked with Class 2 and told them all about her job as a marine biologist. The children learned about coastal habitats of Yorkshire and the different creatures that live there. It was an interesting session and the children made some excellent contributions.

Happy, Healthy and Productive

GOVERNING BODY



I would like to say a massive thank you to Chris Ring and Julie King who are stepping down from the Governing Body. Chris has served on the Governing Body for many years as Chair of Governors and more recently as Vice Chair, we are very grateful for all of his fantastic support. Julie has served on the Governing Body since 2020 and we are grateful for her support too.

In September, we will provide more information about how you can express an interest in joining the Governing Body.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

I would like to say a big thank you to Mel Roe and Kate Green who are stepping down from the Friends of the School committee after many years of support. We are very grateful for all that they have done for our school over the years. Thank you.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Friends of Appleton Wiske School with easyfundraising? There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation – including Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

- Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-appleton-wiske-school/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
- Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to Friends of Appleton Wiske School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!



WILDLIFE AREA

The wildlife area will get its annual cut at the end of the summer holidays so we will be looking for some willing volunteers to help move and pile up all the cut vegetation at the beginning of next term. This is important to keep the flowers coming back and keep it a wildlife-rich and usable space for the children. It is likely to take place on a weekend early in September, once the school grounds team have cut it. The Friends of the School will be in touch nearer the time with details.

We look forward to seeing the children when school reopens on Wednesday 6th September.

Have a wonderful summer with your families.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher